



Empowering People to Change the World

Living in the Days of Elijah Part 2

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2021: Living in the Days of Elijah

Road Declaration...

Last week:

- I believe we are living in times not unlike the days of Elijah.
 - Map of the owl over Washington DC: We are seeing the underbelly of the beast through the Deep State and the spirit of Baal, Asherah, and Molech behind child sacrifice like abortion, pedophilia, and sex trafficking.
 - Elijah is a type of Church God is raising up.
1. **(Like Elijah) The true Church will speak for God with authority.**
 2. **(Like in the time of Elijah) The true Church is a courageous remnant that will not bow down.**
 3. **(Like Elijah) The true Church will be fearless in declaring truth.**

1 Kings 18:35-39

4. **(Like Elijah) The true Church will be a people on fire.**
- We are God's Temple, God's altar! At Pentecost, the fire fell on the Church!
 - We will only have as much power to confront this world as we are filled with God's. We just don't have enough. We can't do this without God's power.
 - Elijah called down God's power! He didn't personally have power. God had the power, and he had a confidence that God would come.
 - **We must have families, whole families, on fire for God!**
 - **Malachi 4:5-6, the last two verses of the OT**

“...I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

- **God is rebuilding the family! Families on fire for God!**
- Are you on fire for the Lord? Is your family on fire? Stoke up the embers and ask the Lord to light up your life with fire from heaven!
 - Start the day praying with your spouse.
 - Pray over your kids.
 - Talk about the sermon at dinner.

Verses 41-46

5. (Like Elijah) The true Church will be warring in believing prayer.

- Seven times, Elijah prayed for rain!
- 1 Kings 17:21: Three times, Elijah prayed for the widow’s dead son!

Elijah is seen as the model in how we should war in prayer.

James 5:16-18

“...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.”

- The English words, “effective, fervent,” come from the Greek root, “energeo,” where we get the word, “energy;” meaning “to put forth power.” It’s the descriptive word used for the power of John the Baptist.

Jesus is saying the same thing, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to

you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”

- Ex. The spirit of Molech is over America, and only prayer will pull it down!

God shows up in power when you don't give up in prayer!

- Noonday War Room!
- 2:42 Community Groups - take time for energetic prayer for the people in your group.
- Have your own war room in your house.

1 Kings 19:1-4

Elijah is overcome with anxiety and depression.

- Fear envelopes Elijah. He is a man just like us. Same passions. Same struggles.
- People have a lot of fear right now: fear over covid, fear over our health, fear over our jobs, our marriage, our family...
- This is not just a man who's discouraged, but one who is encountering a very powerful demonic power!
- Jezebel was not on Mt. Carmel, and she has heard about the killing of 450 of her prophets. She is on the rampage—killing the prophets of God.

- This is a “Jezebel spirit,” a demonic power is at work in Ahab’s wife. This spirit comes up in Revelation 2, in the letter of Jesus to the Church at Thyatira.

The Jezebel spirit has become well known in charismatic churches; but what is it?

Revelation 2:20-23

“Nevertheless, I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.”

Five Things to Know About the “Jezebel Spirit”

- 1) Jezebel was a female member of the church at Thyatira (Revelation 2:20-23), who was using her leadership to promote destructive heresies and was leading men into moral compromise.**
- 2) Jezebel married King Ahab and led him into worshipping the idols of Baal and Asherah (1 Kings 16:31). Sexual immorality and the worship of idols often go hand in hand.**
- 3) Jezebel sought to kill the prophets of God (1 Kings 18:4) to shut down true prophecies, but considered herself a prophetess (Revelation 2:20). She may have had a supernatural (but demonic) gift of prophecy.**
- 4) The tendency in church culture is to “tolerate that woman Jezebel” (Revelation 2:20) and allow her spirit to invade a congregation.**

5) It is gender inclusive; and it is a demonic spirit that uses Scripture, prophecies, and/or leadership to manipulate, enslave, and lead people into improper worship and immoral activities.

- So, surely Elijah is fearful for his life. After all that God has done, Elijah becomes discouraged and depressed.
- Beersheba is way down south in Judah. He is traveling about as far as you could go.
- Let's be honest, we've all had such times.

Verses 5-10

Elijah has a martyr complex.

- It's so easy to fall into the trap of thinking you are "God's man" or "God's woman" of the hour.
 - Two big issues with Elijah: 1) "I'm the only one left" martyr complex; and 2) no friends/bloodstained allies.
- Mt. Horeb is another name for Mt. Sinai, or Mt. Yahweh, where Moses got his great revelation at the burning bush, struck the rock that brought forth water, and later received the Ten Commandments.
- Elijah goes to Mt. Sinai because he wants to hear from God, probably in the same way Moses did—with thundering, lightning, and fire of God.

Verses 11-12

6. (Like Elijah) The true Church must find God in the quiet place.

- The Church wants the spectacular! The big revival, the big event, or the great prophet; but God most often doesn't come that way.

Psalm 91:1-6

**“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust.”
Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
And from the perilous pestilence.
He shall cover you with His feathers,
And under His wings you shall take refuge;
His truth shall be your shield and buckler.
You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,
Nor of the arrow that flies by day,
Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,
Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.”**

- Wait on the Lord and seek Him! The Church must be patient in these last days, in these days of deception.

Verses 13-21

7. The true Church will call out and develop a new breed of leader.

- In this hour, God is calling out a new breed of patriot for our nation and a new breed of worshippers and warriors for God.
- Notice the types of leaders here: political leadership and spiritual leadership.
- Even at this moment, God is speaking to young men and women to be His new breed of leader for the 21st century.
- The Road believes in mentoring young leaders.

More on this next week.

Questions for 2:42 Community Groups

- 1) Would you say you are “on fire” for the Lord? Why or why not?
- 2) Would you say your family is “on fire” for the Lord? Why or why not?

Thoughts from Pastor Steve:

- Start the day praying with your spouse.
- Pray over your kids.
- Talk about the sermon at dinner.

- 3) Are you fearful? Are you seeking the Lord in the quiet place?