

Week 5 Elijah the Prophet

Wednesday Bible Study

Elijah on Mt. Carmel part 2 1 Kings 18:36-46

1. Turning Hearts Back Again. Verse 36-39

The battle is for the hearts of the people. That God would turn the hearts of the people to himself once again is only possible through his mercy and grace. Elijah is God's servant, But it is God who changes hearts. 1 Cor. 3:5-7. This is what we are praying for with the upcoming revival services. That God would move on hearts. Revival is by God's grace and mercy. It's like the rain. It is up to God. But we are to pour our heart out to him Daniel 9:4-6,17-19. The wonderful mercy of God was revealed in John the Baptist. Luke 1:16-18

The Lord in his mercy allows the people to see the miracle of fire from heaven and they respond in profession of the true God.

2. Judging those who lead others astray. Verses 40

The people are ordered to seize the prophets of Baal and slaughter them. Some may say this a bit much, but it isn't. Teachers and leaders are held more accountable because of their influence on others. Let us ask ourselves: How serious is it to mislead people so much they end up in hell for all eternity? 2 Peter 2:1-3; James 3:1; Acts 20:25-27. Remember our God is a jealous God! Those who try to lure His people away he stands against.

3. Repentance, Revival and Restoration. Verses 41-44

Seven is the number of completion in the Bible. Elijah is praying for the rain to begin. It begins small, like a small black cloud. This is how revival begins. Someone begins praying. Someone gets serious with God. Someone begins crying out for it. Will it be you?

You want it for your children— cry out for it— pray for it. How much do you want it? You want it for yourself? Your nation? You spouse? Psalm 85

How badly do you want your grandchildren to know Jesus? How badly do you want spiritual refreshment to fall upon this church?

4. Merciful testimony to Ahab. Verses 44-45

Often kings had servants run before their chariots. Elijah is bearing witness to Ahab that he will go before Him. And will speak for God and lead him in the right paths—he just needs to follow! The storm of God is following Him, Elijah is before him. The time to return to God is now— But he won't He will be stubborn.

God is showing mercy to our nation right now. Now is the time for God's people to speak up. Sadly, our nation has been filled with silly preaching— it has lacked a call to righteousness and holiness, repentance and humility.

Their needs to be a clear call to return to the LORD. 2 Corinthians 6:1-2. Ahab has been given another opportunity— he will squander it.



