

Elijah - The Power of God

Introduction: History and background

Prophets: Moses, Samuel, Nathan, Elijah- Except for Moses the Old Testament prophets up to this point did not do any miracles, they simply spoke for God.

Precept: Prophets do two basic things. First, to warn and remind the people. This is what we call 'forth-telling'. Second, to 'foretell' the future; to speak what God had provisionally ordained.

Miracles: Elijah was a 'world-class, one of a kind, miracle worker'.

Conclusion: The story of the prophet Elijah is filled with miracles and it is not possible to understand or learn from his story if you ignore or disbelieve the miracle stories that fill his life.

Elijah: 1 Kings 16:30-34; Joshua 6:25-27; 1 Kings 17:1-2 Kings 2:11

Historical Background: Ahab Jezebel Baal

- Syncretism and Ungodly Influences -

1. Attempting to "please two" gods at one time.
2. Jesus' final words are challenging: "you cannot serve God and mammon". The currency of the world and the currency of the Kingdom of Heaven don't mix. Choose!
3. Americans and Ahab?
4. The balancing act of Israel is not irritating to God, it is reprehensible. Elijah obeyed God and God took care of Elijah. These two ingredients can lead to a demonstration of God's power.
5. First, assume that it is going on; it's always going on. Second, spend more time before truth and less and less time before half-truth and lies. Third, intend to train those that you lead in a deep commitment to truth, to finding truth and living by truth. Fourth, never believe something that is contrary to the plain Word of God.

Concept: Elijah's life says trust God first, trust God alone!