

The Spirit of Elijah

Objective

To discover the secret behind the power of Elijah's spirit and to learn from his life and follow his example

Scriptural Verse

"Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me" (2 Kings 2:9)

References

"The life of Elijah and the secret of his Power" by F.B. Meyer

Introduction

Elijah was strong in front of kings and calamities. He was a powerful prophet at a time of much idolatry when nations were deviated away from God. In the middle of all of this, Elijah was strong and his prayers had the power of stopping the rain from failing and starting again. We all wonder, since Elijah was a man like us, what was the difference between his prayer and ours? And how did he gain that strength and power to his prayers?

Lesson Outline

- ❖ If we follow the life of Elijah and meditate on every step in his life we will realize that the sources and secrets of Elijah's power were in the following: Elijah had **great zeal for his God** and was in great agony when he saw that his people are turning away from God. Elijah had **nothing in hand to fight** the deviation of the whole nation away from God except by prayer. So Elijah **depended completely on prayer** realizing that prayer can do what armies and mighty kings cannot do. Elijah had the strong and unshakable belief in the most important sources of his power:
 - His Lord and God is alive (1 Kings 18:15)
 - He is in the presence of his God at all times (1 Kings 18:15)
 - The Lord is strong and can protect him from any evil as long as he is doing His will (1 Kings 18:20-22)
- ❖ Elijah **followed God's guidance** and command in His life one step at a time (1 Kings 17:2-5, 1 Kings 17:8-10, 1 Kings 18:1-3). Elijah was **content** with the basics of life that God had provided for him with complete trust that God will provide for him every day.

Conclusion

Double Elijah's spirit was the only thing that Elisha desired to have after Elijah's departure to heaven. We all have the Holy Spirit in us since baptism and confirmation, but do others see the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and desire to have the same spirit working in them...!!!!

Activities/ Discussion Points

1. Divide the group into two workshops:
2. Workshop 1: to discuss other sources of the power of the Spirit of Elijah.
3. Workshop 2: to discuss why Elijah feared Jezebel and hide away from her at certain time of his life as a sign of weakness when he was always known to have powerful spirit?