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Sunday service

# The Word First

1 Kings 18:30-40

Although you must do many things to walk a correct walk of faith and receive answers from the Word, you must always have one fundamental picture. The reason the Lord came and died on the cross was to save His people from the curse of original sin. Original sin broke the covenant between God and mankind. This covenant was given to ensure that your relationship with God would be eternal and complete. The covenant was given so that mankind could be protected from Satan. Therefore, if the covenant hadn't been broken, the Garden of Eden would remain no matter what Satan did. However, the covenant was broken and mankind became stuck within the three fundamental problems. What solves this problem is the precious blood of Christ He shed on the cross, this covenantal blood is the Gospel. You must always place this image in your heart and become a person of prayer who enjoys the Gospel. A true walk of faith is one that follows the complete and spiritual principles.

## 1. The Word first

- 1) Today's bible passage records the story during the time of King Ahab and North Israel. Idol worship was so severe that God did not let it rain for 3 years. (5) Therefore, the country went through a difficult time.
- 2) During this time, God took pity upon His people and decided to let the rain fall as He gave the Word to Prophet Elijah. (1)
- 3) Elijah saw Ahab and called 850 prophets of Baal and Asherah to Mount Carmel. Naturally, when this was relayed, the people of Israel gathered.
- 4) At that time, the Israelites fell into confusion because the king of that age forced them to serve Baal to which they did not know if it was their God or not. (21)
- 5) Therefore, Elijah suggested having a battle against the 850 false prophets and himself to see who is serving the true God. As a result, God answered Elijah's altar and all the people knew who the Lord was. They made their confession that it was the Lord God.
- 6) In that moment, Elijah commands all the people to seize the false prophets and put them to death.
- 7) He was able to restore the covenantal blood offering and in the process the Lord God was known to all the people. All the people were able to make the accurate confession and the false prophets that were used by Satan were put to death.
- 8) That incident was needed in that age. In 1 Kings 18:36 states, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word." He prayed for the problem of that age.
- 9) His first prayer topic was for it to be known that God was the Lord. The people were in a state of confusion and did not know who their true God was. They came to believe that it was Baal at that time. Next, he prayed to be known to all that he was the Lord's servant. It was an age that many did not know that Elijah was the Lord's servant and many came to believe that he was one of the servants like the 850 false prophets of Baal and Asherah.
- 10) Next, Elijah prayed for all the work to be fulfilled by the Word of the Lord. It was not the effort or plans of Elijah, but the Word alone to be known to the people. In that time, there was hardly anyone that followed the Word of God.
- 11) Everything in this world is taking place by the Word of God. The world was created by the Word. Before the world, the Word existed. 1 Kings 18:1 states that the Word of the Lord came upon Elijah. Elijah was the Lord's servant that existed to run the errand of God's plan. All that is taking place in your life is taking place by the Word of God.
- 12) Everything begins from God. God begins all things by the Word. May you be a person of the Word. May it be your covenant.

## 2. Prayer

- 1) Starting from 1 Kings 18:41 it states that Elijah bowed himself down on earth and placed his face between his knees and prayed, so it began to rain after three years of no rain.

- 2) It is similar to James 5:17. Elijah prayed for there to be no rain for a year and six months. 1 Kings 18:18 states that he began to pray again for the rain and it bore fruits within the land.
- 3) In 1 Kings 17 it records the start of Elijah's prayer to stop rain and 1 Kings 18 records when Elijah begins to pray for the rain to come. He knew it all, yet he insisted on praying.
- 4) Therefore, you are more than able to pray. You are a child of God and it has been destined before creation to which you have received God's great grace. When the Word does not come in your heart or you cannot receive the Word, then all you simply must do is to pray.
- 5) If you desire to live a mature walk of faith, then it must be different. The Word is the root of prayer. You pray holding to the covenantal Word. It is the promising Word to which you have every right to pray as you hold to it. Also, the Word guides you to have accurate prayer. God's will is contained in the Word and God reveals himself to you by the Word. Naturally, the Word becomes the content of your prayer.
- 6) As you pray, you will receive the Word and that you guide you. Through prayer, you will receive the Word as an answer. Through this process, you will receive God's guidance to which important answers will be given to you as you are raised as a historical witness.
- 7) Elijah prayed for the problems of that age. In that time, many people did not look to the Lord. The nation was influenced with the thought of serving Baal, the god of sun. Also, the people were confused on who to believe either Elijah, God's servant or the 850 false prophets.
- 8) Also, the people did not follow or keep God's word. Therefore, the Word that was testified through Elijah's mouth should have been heard as the Word of God, but they failed to listen to the Word.
- 9) Miracles will arise by the Word of God and answers will be given according to the Word. However, it was the problem of the age. You must have the problem of this age as your prayer topic.
- 10) There are spiritual problems, demonic cultures, and problems of the age in America, South America, upon the remnants and to all nations. If you are a person of prayer that prays for this, then you will be like Elijah in God's eyes.
- 11) The Lord has taught you prayer. The Lord saw how urgent and needed it is for you to have the correct prayer. It is the complete prayer to which nothing else is needed except for this.
- 12) The first prayer topic is to pray for God's kingdom to be established. Next, it is to pray for the Thy will to be done on earth as it is done in heaven.
- 13) You must check to see how your prayer is aligned to the Lord's prayer topic. God has given you the most fundamental prayer that is your answer.
- 14) Through Elijah, God's kingdom was established and His will was fulfilled upon Israel. Acts 19:8 states, "And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God."
- 15) This is a content that you must deeply think about. May God's blessing be upon you.