



The Spirit And Power Of Elijah Today

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God's last recorded prophetic words of the Old Testament became the first such words in the New Testament (Malachi 4:5-6 and Luke 1:16-17). Despite 400 years of silence, our heavenly Father picked up the same thread virtually in mid-sentence to set the stage for the comeback of Jesus Christ to every people, tribe, and nation. What we can learn from the Spirit and Power of Elijah is nothing short of an astonishing prescription for every nation right now, today!

Malachi 4:5-6

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Luke 1:16-17

And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

So what is the Spirit and Power of Elijah? In essence, it is two-fold:

1. The release of a spirit of repentance AND
2. the supernatural release of God's power, most often in direct response to revelation given to one or more of His people.

RELEASING THE SPIRIT OF REPENTANCE (The Spirit of Elijah)

What does this spirit of repentance do? Per Luke 1:17 noted above, it makes ready a people prepared for the Lord. What does repentance look like? It looks like the grief and sorrow of a convicted heart over

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having displeased God in sinful self-focus and pursuits. This sorrow must turn instead into a hunger to know, hear, and obey the Lord Jesus Christ.

Here's a quick review of what Jesus said about repentance:

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 17:3-4 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

In essence, the Spirit of Elijah is the ability to turn people's arrogance into humility. Its effect is the turning of hardness of heart against God to tenderness towards Him. It's most obvious characteristic is to bring about large-scale repentance. In essence, the Spirit of Elijah is the ability to turn people's arrogance into humility.

From the Lord in the "In The Secret Place" book, I learned it this way:

Many there are who have pondered the spirit and power of Elijah, but it is an end-times ministry. Some have even operated pieces of it, such as Dwight Moody.¹ John the Baptist did. There are a few others."

If the spirit of Elijah does not function, a great curse will come upon the land because, as I said in Malachi 4, hearts must be turned back to Me to break the curse.

Israel wandered 40 years under this curse. Their hearts never turned back to Me. I did everything I could to bring their hearts back to Me. I gave them manna, water, and quail. I delivered them from hideous bondage in Egypt. I parted the sea, and drowned their enemies. Yet for all that, their hearts turned to complaining rather than praise. So they all died, even Moses, before I could lead their progeny into the Promised Land. Joshua and Caleb were the only exceptions. Why were they excepted? Because their hearts were full of praise. They never complained.

The spirit of Elijah is precisely that – spirit. It is holy spirit, [the gift] from The Holy Spirit. It shall be given in the end times upon those to whom I will give it to prepare My Bride. That spirit has a power not often seen in history. You will know it when it is energized. There will be no question. People's hearts will cry out in

¹ The ministry of Evangelist Dwight L. Moody has been estimated to have reached as many as one hundred million people during his work in the latter half of the 1800's. This is well before the advent of electronic mass communications, and may easily constitute the largest work of any outreach ministry since the first century.

repentance, even the hardest of hearts will be pierced. It will happen to millions upon millions of people. It is part of the in-gathering of the harvest.²

SEVEN FEATURES OF THE SPIRIT OF ELIJAH

There are at least seven features to the operation of this Spirit from God. These seven include:

1. The Spirit of Elijah shuns seeking reputation (Philippians 2:5-7). Jesus made Himself of no reputation, emptying Himself of Himself. Have you not been sickened by the self-promotion foolishness of many ministries? Jesus would never self-promote. Don't be caught up with any ministry that self-promotes. For example, can you imagine Jesus ever naming a ministry after Himself? The only reason a ministry has to promote itself is because the Holy Spirit isn't. And it is all downhill from there - the foolish must promote themselves because the Lord is never going to. In politics, in the media, in business - humility is all so rare, and arrogance so rife in our culture that we think such behavior is normal, even necessary. It isn't. God promotes with wisdom. The foolish demote themselves.

Foolish words will not hurt Elijahs if they have rejected their personal reputations by placing them on My altar. Take no satisfaction in the good newspaper stories. Thereby you will learn to take no notice of the bad ones. Realize that the world's opinion of you matters not at all, for who is bigger – Me or the world? Jesus emptied Himself of reputation. He was born a bastard child to the world's opinion, and He was affronted by this opinion as He grew up. His parents suffered because of it. But as you well know, Jesus never tried to prove Himself to anyone to try to make up for their wrong opinions. He knew as surely as you do that all He was, and all He would be, was fully identified with Me, and in Me. So He had no personal reputation to be concerned about. Elijahs must become the same – of no reputation – in order to be unaffected by world opinion.

Elijahs must guard their souls carefully. The soul's most vulnerable part is pride, and the part of pride that is most vulnerable is an Elijahs' reputation as a man of God. Elijah's should pray to lose their soul-ties to their reputation, and they will be protected.³

2. The Spirit of Elijah never relies human ability. Elijah's have no personal contribution from their own ability. (Recall that without Jesus we can do nothing - John 15:5). We often see this in worship leaders and musicians presuming that God needs their wonderful musical abilities. He doesn't need such talent at all. God can make the stones cry out to praise the Lord, and the trees to clap their hands. Elijah's have fully gotten over themselves as being able to make any contribution toward what God wants to do through them.

Nothing about an Elijah's body or soul contributes to his receiving this anointing. I choose them for service in the body of Christ. Nothing in their experience in ministry contributes to the Elijah office.

² Cited from "In The Secret Place," Paul D. Norcross, published by Kingdom Faith Ministries International, pages 103-104.

³ *Ibid*, pages 105-106

They must be very clear that [this anointing] is all from Me, and not one thing from them. None of their abilities, desires, or eloquence can ever loft a man into Elijah service. They must give Me all their claims to their flesh right now.

For a while, Elijah's will have to return to this lesson until they know it and fully believe it instead of just wanting to believe it.

When I emptied myself of reputation, this is the self-recognition I held – none of Me, all of the Father. So it is with Elijahs – none of them, all of Me. None. This is how a person starts to become an Elijah man.⁴

3. The Spirit of Elijah obeys precisely what the Spirit of the Lord is saying – I Kings 17:1-7 (esp v5), Hebrews 5:8-9. No more, no less. And obedience is entirely consummated by hearing *rhema* from the mouth of the Lord and doing it (Hence Matthew 4:4 – *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every rhema word that proceeds out of the mouth of God*).

The art of becoming an Elijah-man is the art of listening to and responding in careful obedience to My voice. Getting this part right generally takes years. But this process doesn't start down the road the day I anoint an Elijah into office. I start the day they are born.⁵

4. The Spirit of Elijah refuses to rely on “the facts,” and instead checks with and relies on the Spirit – I Kings 17:17-24. No matter the situation, the God who invented the laws of physics can suspend them at any time He chooses. That time often occurs when He smells the incense of prayers of the saints. When it comes to miracles, they are always preceded by a revelation that is acted upon because God chooses to work through faith, and faith comes by hearing, and hearing through the *rhema* speaking of God (Romans 10:17). Nor is our Father any longer limited to only telling the prophets what He is about to do (Amos 3:7) because every believer today has the same spirit within them that raised Jesus Christ from the dead (Romans 8:11). Today's Elijah's no longer struggle with the basics of milk. For example, they are already bold and practiced in operating all nine manifestations as tools of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:7).

I told Elijah to lay on the child. He obeyed. I told him to do it again. He obeyed. Then I told him once more, and he obeyed again. Notice I did not tell him the first time to lay on the child three times. I told him at the end of each step of obedience.

You see, I need to get man's soul out of the deliverance process. Elijah's soul would have doubted a triple message, but not the single messages. When he prayed for the child's soul the third time, his faith was sufficiently void of his soul's influence, and I energized the miracle. This miracle helped sustain the widow woman's faith all the years of Elijah's visitation, and her faith was necessary for his protection...

⁴ *Ibid*, page 108

⁵ *Ibid*, page 108

...Obedience starts with cultivating a desire to hear My voice, and to obey it. Step one is always desire. It is always hunger for Me that begins a believer on the path of building a close, conversational relationship with Me. This relationship breeds trust, which breeds obedience. Elijah was well down this path; Obadiah was also on this path as well.⁶

5. The Spirit of Elijah fears the Lord more than it fears governments of men. It is very bold, like Obadiah hiding the prophets from Jezebel, and Elijah's confrontation of Ahab and ultimately Jezebel - 1 Kings 18:1-4.

Obadiah feared Me. Fear of the Lord brings humility. Humility brings intimacy. Pride cannot enter My throne room, only humility. And fear of the Lord is a spirit that helps flush out pride.⁷ Fear of the Lord is not worldly fear. Worldly fear comes from satan. Fear of the Lord is to worldly fear as hot is to cold and light to dark. They are opposites.

Because Obadiah feared Me, he knew My voice. Because he knew My voice, he had confidence in Me. Because he had confidence, he had trust, and this trust was greater than the demons controlling Jezebel. Obadiah knew Jezebel's witchcraft. He saw it first hand as she murdered My prophets. But I kept Obadiah quietly hidden for service. I led Obadiah to hide the 100 prophets and secretly feed them. Obadiah trusted Me more than he feared Jezebel.⁸

6. The Spirit of Elijah strikes down the gods of the land – 1 Kings 18:16-18. This is sorely needed today, and they are very widespread. The consequences of unchecked national idolatry are severe.⁹

Blessings flow to those who praise. That's what Psalm 8:2 is all about. It's what the book of Psalms is about. Oppositely, curses flow to those who curse Me and My people.¹⁰ But before final judgment, the consequences of those curses will appear to all men, that they have a final opportunity to repent. Pride will blind them to evil, and they will grope with fleshly explanations for the consequences of their own cursed actions. This is why even today, "nature" is blamed for tornados, mudslides, earthquakes, and volcanoes. My blessings hold these forces in check, but the absence of My blessing (due to sin and idolatry) enables these forces to be released for satan to use. Blessed are those who see the things that you see, and hear the things that you hear.¹¹

7. The Spirit of the Lord triumphs over false prophets – the showdown on Mt Carmel – why halt ye between two opinions? 1 Kings 18:21

⁶ *Ibid*, page 113, 116

⁷ Isaiah 11:1-3; Proverbs 8:13

⁸ *Ibid*, page 114

⁹ Volcanoes (Micah 1:3-5), Tornados/hurricanes (Isaiah 29:6, Ezekiel 13:13, Jonah 1:4), Floods (Nahum 1:8, Genesis 6:7, 7:11b-12), Fires (Ezekiel 20:46-48, Jeremiah 21:14, Genesis 19:24), Hailstorms (Joshua 10:11, Revelation 16:21), Famine/Drought (Amos 4:6-8, Isaiah 14:30, Deuteronomy 28:24), Wars (2 Chronicles 16:9b). Failure to hear and obey the voice of the Lord is the cause of myriad curses (Deuteronomy 28:15-68). It is never God's will for these things to happen, but the prevalence of idolatry ties the hand of God from preventing them (James 4:1-17, Deuteronomy 28:46-48)

¹⁰ Genesis 12:3 and Galatians 3:14

¹¹ *Ibid*, page 117

My battles are fought on My terms. It took some days for Ahab to gather all 850 prophets, and Jezebel was in on the duel. But Jezebel's arrogance was so grand, she did not realize that one anointed man or woman, one who walks in the power of the Holy Spirit, is no match for all of satan's minions combined. They don't stand a chance.¹²

Most believers are not willing to walk the walk of an Elijah. They will pray like this: "Lord, if it is Your will, I will do it." But in their hearts they add, "if it is not too hard, too expensive, too embarrassing, or too inconvenient." They do not hone their ears to hear with their hearts. But an Elijah will pray with a heart like this: "Lord, before You speak to me today, I want you to know that my answer is 'yes', and I will do it quickly, whatever you tell me." Elijahs have no hidden allegiances except to Me.

Most believers butcher the vocabulary of surrender. They think they are fully surrendered, but in fact they can only recount an incident here or there. Their surrender is episodic. It is not a continuous flow. People will surrender one moment when the requested task is easy and convenient, and [they will] balk when it isn't. They have enough episodes to tell others about, but not enough [of My people] are surrendered for filling even thirty minutes a day.

How many times will you tell a child to take out the household trash before you give up and go do it yourself? Elijah prophets must grow up to take responsibility seriously, and continue to take out the trash without being told.

Some believers are submitted to Me. Some believers are committed to Me. Elijahs are submitted and committed. One good way to begin learning to be both submitted and committed is to start with praising Me every waking hour.¹³ I will lead you deeper and instruct you more fully as the day progresses. Love begins with association. Obedience training begins with small steps only after the love relationship has been well established.

My Word is My will. I will have mercy on those who delight to come before Me and obey. Thus, as I give assignments, there will be calls to obey – [often] to My people who have turned from Me, to those who are selective in their hearing, and to those whom I have worked with [in the past], but whose ears have grown fat with themselves and become dull of hearing. And when you deal with such believers, walk in love, and be more concerned about expressing My heart than in their responses.¹⁴

CONCLUSION

¹² *Ibid*, page 118

¹³ This is not a daily prescription or habit to develop some new monastic discipline. It is merely a great exercise unto godliness to try once in a while. It has the effect of enhancing habits of spiritual prioritization and focus more effectively than perhaps anything you might have ever tried before.

¹⁴ *Ibid*, page 120-121

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The Spirit and Power of Elijah is released to those trustworthy of character enough to receive it. God is not stingy, and wants to release it more and more. This essay reveals some of the character needed to sustain it. Satan is no match for it. And its widespread operation will prepare the way of the Lord at the end of this age. Will you be one of those to whom the Lord can entrust such anointing?

If you desire to learn more about the Spirit and Power of Elijah, please feel free to investigate the book "In The Secret Place," (from which the above article's excerpts have been quoted from chapter 7), and other materials on our website at www.KingdomFaithMinistries.Org .

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