

ELIJAH'S GOD ----- GOD'S ELIJAH

2 Kings 2 :1-16

Intro: Elijah had gone. Had God departed as well ? Many mighty men of God have passed to their reward; but God is not dead, and His cause lives on.

1. ELIJAH'S GOD

- A. He is a God who hides (protects) His people - Psalm 27:5
Ahab sought Elijah's life and God hid him at the brook -
1 Kings 17:3
- B. He is a God who provides for His people - 1 Kings 17:4
Matthew 6:33
- C. He is a God who will lead His people - every step that Elijah took was by divine direction - Proverbs 3:5 ; Joshua 1:6-9

2. GOD'S ELIJAH

We know where God is, always has been, but where is God's Elijah ? Those are the men we need today , the men we should be, or be - looking for.

Wherever you find God's Elijah, you will find -

- A. A Man of earnest prayer - Elijah was preeminently a man of prayer - (1) see him on Carmel praying for God to send fire to consume the sacrifice. (2) .See him seven times for rain (3) remember what James tells us of Elijah - James 5:17
- B. A Man who obeys. God works through men. He is limited only by their lack of obedience. Elijah's obedience was greatly tested. Consider (1) the command to hide at the brook 1 Kings 17:5 (2) The command to go to the widow's house (1 Kings 17:9,10) Remember 1 Samuel 15:22 - it is better to obey. (3) when he was told to go to face Ahab - 1 Kings 18:1,2 - "...and he went to show himself..."
- C. A man who stays - Elijah stood his ground. He did not surrender. He stayed until the Lord gave the signal to move on. Sometimes,

to stand often tests one courage and obedience more than to advance. The Scripture has said, "...stand still and see the salvation of the Lord..."

Some examples - 1 Samuel 30:24 - those who "...stood by the stuff..."

Daniel & 3 friends - Daniel 3:6-18

The Apostle Paul - Acts 20:24