

David to Elijah
Finding Light in the Darkness, Session 12
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Left off... David Lessons... Sin may be sweet for a moment but it becomes death-dealing soon afterward! Sin is sure to find us out! Our hidden sins transmit to next Generations. Un-judged sin, spawns! God always accepts the penitent and repentant sinner! ***Life, not death, should bring us to our knees!***

David Lessons... 2S12 ‘as long as there is life there is hope that God is going to answer prayers for healing...’ (as long as it is a case/healing). And we pray like life depends on us! ‘once death came...’ David would not crossover into God’s dominion... Got up, cleaned up, dressed up, filled up!

The questions beg for answers: What do you believe, not hope, is true about life and death? Because if it’s there, in all the glory we have imagined it to have, then why do we sorrow like we do? How much do you love your loved one? Enough to see them there or have them near?

In case we missed it... Before there was a question of life after death, there was life before death! Enoch, taken up by God, to a real place! Moses, Elijah taken by supernatural means, returned from a place, alive! Stephen looked up saw Jesus standing next to God, in a real place! Jesus dying on the Cross, descending into the bowels of the earth to talk to captives – living beings, every one!

Can’t miss David’s counsel... While he was alive I prayed like crazy for my desire to be done... Now that he’s dead, I acquiesce to God’s will been-done! The child will not return here... But I will go to him, and I am going to make such an entrance! We can stop living with fear/misery and start living with joy/jealousy! ***What we really believe about death determines how well we live life on our way there!***

The Shimei Principle... 2S16.5ff “And when King David passed by, Shimei came, cursing and throwing stones at David and his servants. Abishai said, ‘why should this dead dog curse my lord? Let me go and cut off his head!’ David said, ‘let him alone and let him curse for the Lord has bidden him!’ Many are the afflictions of the righteous but the Lord delivers them out of them all! **Ps34.19**

Lessons... Some people need to sound off for their relief and we can take it... You don’t have to respond to every adversary... Nor do you need someone else to... Some people are in our lives to remind us we aren’t all that... Learn the lessons of persecution and let God deal w/prosecutors! (Solomon!)

Solomon... the Wise! Could ask for anything, asked for wisdom to rule, and it pleased the Lord! **1K3.5-15** Famous judgment of the remaining child between two harlots... **v16-28** Builds the temple of God! **5-6** Sins against God: **11.1** “loved many strange women,” power, fortune turned his heart, neglected the Word of God!

Five things Kings cannot do... Multiply horses to himself! **1K10.26** Nor cause the people to turn back to Egypt to get more horses! **v28-29** Neither multiply wives to himself! **11.3** Neither greatly multiply gold and silver to himself **10.14,23,27** Neglect the reading and writing of the ‘ancient’ Word! **D17.14-20**

Lessons... All great Bible characters were flawed! Money, power, sex, drunkenness, stuff don't bring happiness! (Vanity!) The whole duty of man is to fear God and keep His commandments, because He will bring every good work into judgment along with every secret good or evil thing! **E12.13,14**

Mini-profile... Jehoshaphat 2Chr17 "strengthened himself against Israel (own brothers) and placed forces in the fenced cities and garrisons... and the Lord was with Him because he walked in the first ways of David... the Lord established him and he had riches and honor..."

Shortcut to wealth? Run after God! Run after God? Can cost you your brothers! Ahab was a worldly/compromised child of promise! Coddled/ungodly wife!

**Every husband and wife needs to understand how vital your "joined-ad-venture" is!
Success in life rises and falls on our relationship with God and each other!**

Elijah... "My God is Jehovah!" Love him! He is the atomic bomb of the OT! Walks into the court of the one "who did evil above all that were before him (Ahab!)" **1K16.30...** He explodes on the scene during Israel's low spot and pronounces God's judgment in the form of a drought **17.1**

Proves that God's people can be in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation and... Experience the miraculous power of God! "it will be that you will drink from the stream and ravens will bring you bread and flesh every evening!" **17.3-6** "After a while the brook dried up and God sent him to a widow in Zarephath!" **7-16** Against reason, Elijah instructs the woman to make him their last meal, and she eats from a barrel of meal and a cruse of oil that kept producing for a year!

How important is it that we are intimate with God and are obedient to His word?

The flow of miraculous power! **17-23** "And the woman's son became sick and died... and the widow said, 'why did you come? Why did you spare me? To torment me for my sin and slay my son?'" Elijah took the dead boy to his room, laid him on the bed, laid over him 3x, prayed, and the child's soul came back into him! "**Now I know you are a man of God!**" **24**

Lessons stacking up already! We may live in stormy times but we don't have to be in the storm! Societal darkness does not affect the ability of God to shine! Knowing God, His nature, what He can do is vital to a prophetic experience! People know that people representing God should do miraculous things! And they need constant convincing! And that's just one chapter!

Elijah... again... 18 "Go and show yourself to Ahab!" Confrontation coming on! **v17** "When Ahab saw Elijah he said, 'Are you the one who has troubled Israel?' **v18-20** "not me, but you Ahab... you have forsaken the Word of God and followed an idol god... now gather up your priests... it's crunch time!" "How long will you be stuck between two options?" –good question!

Elijah gives them first choice... Gives them head-start... Takes a great shot! "Maybe your god is busy talking, out shopping, on a trip, or is sleeping and needs to be awakened..." **v27** Waits patiently all day/then rev's up! **30** Rebuilds the altar, soaks offering/wood, prays a 63 word prayer, stands back **31-37** Fire falls, revival begins, slays 850 false prophets, prays, proclaims the rain... **38-45** Outruns the chariots home! **46**

And you think you've had a busy day?

Lesson stack! Forsaking God for idols will always bring Him on the scene! God will confront us thru our brothers if we will not confront ourselves! Brothers being confronted aren't always happy to see you and may even blame you for their problems! Need to quit getting stuck between our options in life! IF

He is God... drop the rest... and follow Him! Sin is a creeper... slips in high moments! He has begun his great fall and didn't even know it...

Elijah... three-peat... Ahab tells Jezebel all that Elijah had done... **19.1** And Jezebel threatened to kill Elijah **v2** And he ran for his life! **v3** New prayer: "Oh God, life stinks, I've had enough, take away my life!" **v4** Prophet who just killed 850 men of various sizes, running from one old lady? Prophet who had everyone on his side? Prophet who raised boy from the dead? ***Prophet weakened by sin... roaring lioness!***

In the wilderness, God sends an angel... who feeds Elijah angel food cake, twice... good for forty days... comes to the Mount of God! **v5-8** God speaks: "What are you doing here?" *The revelation of sin:* "I have been very jealous for You... and the children of Israel have forsaken Your word, thrown down Your altars and slain Your prophets with the sword..." (DUH! All past tense issues. The very reason why he was sent!)... "and I, even I only am left and they seek my life, to take it..." **v10 (pride – 18.22)**
Pride goes before a fall. Look what my hand has done! God chooses the humble so that there's no boasting! No flesh can glory in His presence! Sin will always find you out. God reads the thoughts and intents of a person's heart. Anything hidden, revealed. Committed to perfecting.

God says, "Go stand before Me on the mount... **v11** God passes by and a wind broke the rocks but the Lord was not in the wind! After the wind, an earthquake and the Lord was not in the quake... After the quake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire... then a small voice... "What are you doing here Elijah?" "I, even I only am left and they seek my life, to take it..." **v14 (fear – 10)**

"Go. Return to Damascus and when you get there anoint the new king of Syria, the new king of Israel, and Elisha your replacement!"

"And BTW I have 7,000 in Israel who have not bowed to Baal..."

Presuming to know God's resources... presuming to be God's resources... can get you in a world of hurt!

Lesson stack! Forsaking God for idols will always bring Him on the scene! Elijah's was fear! God will confront us if we will not confront ourselves! 3x instructed! We can't always see our problems, but if God is repeating Himself, LISTEN! Sin is a creeper... slips in high moments! Kill it or you could find yourself a castaway after you have preached to others! **1C9.27**

Final lessons... One of the greatest prophets in Bible history was an unknown... Least of us greater than him! **Lk7.28** Can succeed w/o a pedigree! **1K17** Can start out great and end bad! **1K19** Even after we are done, we can still do great things for God! (mercy!) **2K1/2** calls fire 2x/divides Jordan/appears at the transfiguration/and again at the end.

Let's go out in a blaze of glory and leave a double legacy behind! 2K2.9-15