

9 LESSONS FROM ELIJAH

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- * Today -- An opportunity to review a Biblical character
 - * Purpose of Sermon -- To discuss "9 Lessons From Elijah"
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1. ELIJAH EXPERIENCED DISCOURAGEMENT

1 Kings 19:4 Elijah went into the wilderness, sat under a tree
 and told God -- let me die; I'm no better
 than my ancestors

2. WHAT CAUSED ELIJAH'S DISCOURAGEMENT?

1 Kings 19:2 Jezebel sent a message to Elijah -- I am going
 to kill you, by this time tomorrow
3 Elijah ran for his life

3.WHY DID JEZEBEL'S THREAT AFFECT ELIJAH?

- * Elijah had a relationship with God -- had been God's messenger
- * Elijah had just successfully confronted Ahab & false prophets
- * Was Jezebel's verbal threat worse than the confrontation with hundreds of false prophets?
- * The difference was Elijah's perspective
- * Elijah was exhausted from the stress (even positive stress) from the successful confrontation
- * Elijah's body, mind & emotions relaxed

1 Kings 17:1 Elijah gave God's message to Ahab
2-7 God told Elijah to hide -- ravens fed him
8-16Elijah helped a widow
17-24 God answered Elijah's prayer and brought the son
 back to life
1 Kings 18:1-2 it had not rained for 3 years -- and God sent
 Elijah back to Ahab
3-6 Obadiah was sent to find water
7-16Obadiah met Elijah -- Obadiah gave a message from
 Elijah to Ahab
17 Ahab saw Elijah and asked -- Are you the man who
 troubles Israel?
18-20 Elijah responded to Ahab -- you are the one who
 troubles Israel; gather Israel, including
 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of
 Asherah (who eat at Jezebel's table)
21 Elijah addressed the people -- how long halt you
 between 2 opinions?
22-24 Elijah said -- I only am a prophet of God, but

Baal has 450 prophets -- bring 2 bullock
 25-29 the prophets of Baal offered their bullock
 30-39 Elijah offered his bullock
 40 Elijah killed the prophets of Baal
 41-46 Elijah told Ahab of the coming rain

4. GOD GAVE ELIJAH PHYSICAL HELP

1 Kings 19:5-6 an angel gave Elijah food and drink -- Elijah
 went back to sleep
 7 an angel woke Elijah up and instructed him to
 eat again before taking a trip

5. GOD GAVE ELIJAH EMOTIONAL HELP

1 Kings 19:8 he walked for 40 days

6. GOD HEARD ELIJAH'S COMPLAINT

1 Kings 19:9 God asked -- why are you here?
 10 Elijah told God -- I have been very zealous for
 the God of hosts -- and the children of
 Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown
 down Your altars and slain Your prophets
 with the sword -- I, even I only, am left
 -- and they seek to kill me
 (subtle elitism)

7. GOD LOVED ELIJAH

1 Kings 19:11-12 strong wind, earthquake & fire -- a still voice

8. GOD GAVE ELIJAH WORK TO DO

1 Kings 19:13 God asked -- why are you here?
 14 He repeated his earlier answer -- I'm the only
 one left and they are trying to kill me
 (Although Elijah repeated his earlier words, I
 believe his outlook had changed and that
 He was ready to be productive again)
 15-17 go to Damascus and complete 3 tasks
 1 -- appoint Hazael to be king of Syria
 2 -- appoint Jehu to be king of Israel
 3 -- appoint Elisha to take Elijah's place
 as God's prophet

9. GOD REMINDED ELIJAH TO SEE THE BIG PICTURE

1 Kings 19:18

there were 7,000 other people who resisted Baal