



ELIJAH

HIS CONFIDENCE

2 Kings 2:14

Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said,

"WHERE IS THE LORD GOD OF ELIJAH?"

Things aren't
what they seem.



1 Kings 17:1

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

DIVIDED KINGDOM AND DECLINE

KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

★ Samaria

KINGDOM OF AMMON

★ Jerusalem

KINGDOM OF JUDAH

PHILISTINE STATES

KINGDOM OF



peace and prosperity

Omri-land.

1 Kings 16:25

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false

peace and prosperity

1 Kings 16:30

And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him.

AHAB WAS WORSE.

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Where did Elijah get his confidence?

Elijah's background

ELIJAH, THE TISHBITE.



Israel

MEDITERRANEAN SEA





Elijah appearance. (He dressed strange.)

2 Kings 1:7

And he said unto them, What kind of man was it who came up to meet you, and told you these words?
8 And they answered him, "A hairy man wearing a leather belt around his waist." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

James 5:17

Elijah was a man subject to
like passions as we are,

Elijah was a man like us.

His background was nothing special.
His appearance was odd.
What made him stand out?

What made him stand out?

HIS CHARACTER

Your character is:

who you are when no one else is around.

The contrast:

Elijah was a great man.

Elijah was a regular man.

Things aren't what they seem.

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CONFIDENCE

Why was Elijah confident?

1. CONFIDENT IN GOD'S POWER

“As the LORD God of Israel liveth”

God is Living.

John 6:69

And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of **the living God**.

1 Tim 3:15

But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the **church of the living God**, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Heb 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from **the living God**.

Heb 10:31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of **the living God**.

Hebrews 4:12

For the **word of God is living and powerful**,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of
the thoughts and intents of the heart.

It will cut you right down to
your character.

ELIJAH'S NAME

El - Jah

God Jehovah

My God is Jehovah.

2. CONFIDENT IN GOD'S PRESENCE

“before whom I stand”

God is here now.

It was a small thing for Elijah to stand in the presence of Ahab...

because he was used to standing in the presence of God.

(C.I.Scofield)

Elijah stood BEFORE God,
Elijah also stood FOR God.

He represented God.

He was God's Messenger. God's Ambassador.

3. CONFIDENT IN GOD'S PROMISES

“there shall not be dew nor rain
these years, but according to my word ”

He believed that God
could do what He promised.

God would stop the rain.

Deut 11:16

Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

17 And then the LORD'S wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that **there be no rain**, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

God would bring the rain.

Deut 11:13

And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

14 That I will **give you the rain** of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy grain, and thy wine, and thine oil.

1 Kings 17:1

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my word.

Elijah's Prayer.

James 5

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

17 Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he **prayed earnestly that it might not rain**: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

18 And **he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain**, and the earth brought forth her fruit.

Three Passages together.

1. Proclamation. (1 Kings 17)

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2. Promise (Deut 11)

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3. Prayer. (James 5)

How long was the drought?

James 5

17 and it rained not on the earth by the space of
three years and six months.

1Kings 18:1 And it came to pass after many days that
the word of the LORD came to Elijah, **in the third year,**
saying, "Go, present yourself to Ahab, and **I will send**
rain on the earth."

3 years 6 months?

3 or years

Elijah was **a** man of prayer.

James 5:16

The effectual fervent prayer
of **a** righteous man
availeth much.

His prayer was specific.

**“He prayed that
it might not rain”**

Pray the Promises of God.

God you said this, now will you do it?

CONFIDENT IN GOD'S

POWER.

CONFIDENT IN GOD'S

PRESENCE.

CONFIDENT IN GOD'S

PROMISES.

**We need to learn
Confidence in God.**

**God needs to get rid
confidence in ourselves.**

Elijah in The School of God.



ELIJAH

HIS TRAINING

Elisha said

**"WHERE IS
ELIJAH?"**

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3 Get thee from here, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

CONFIDENT IN GOD'S POWER.

As the Lord God of Israel liveth,

CONFIDENT IN GOD'S PRESENCE.

Before whom I stand,

CONFIDENT IN GOD'S PROMISES.

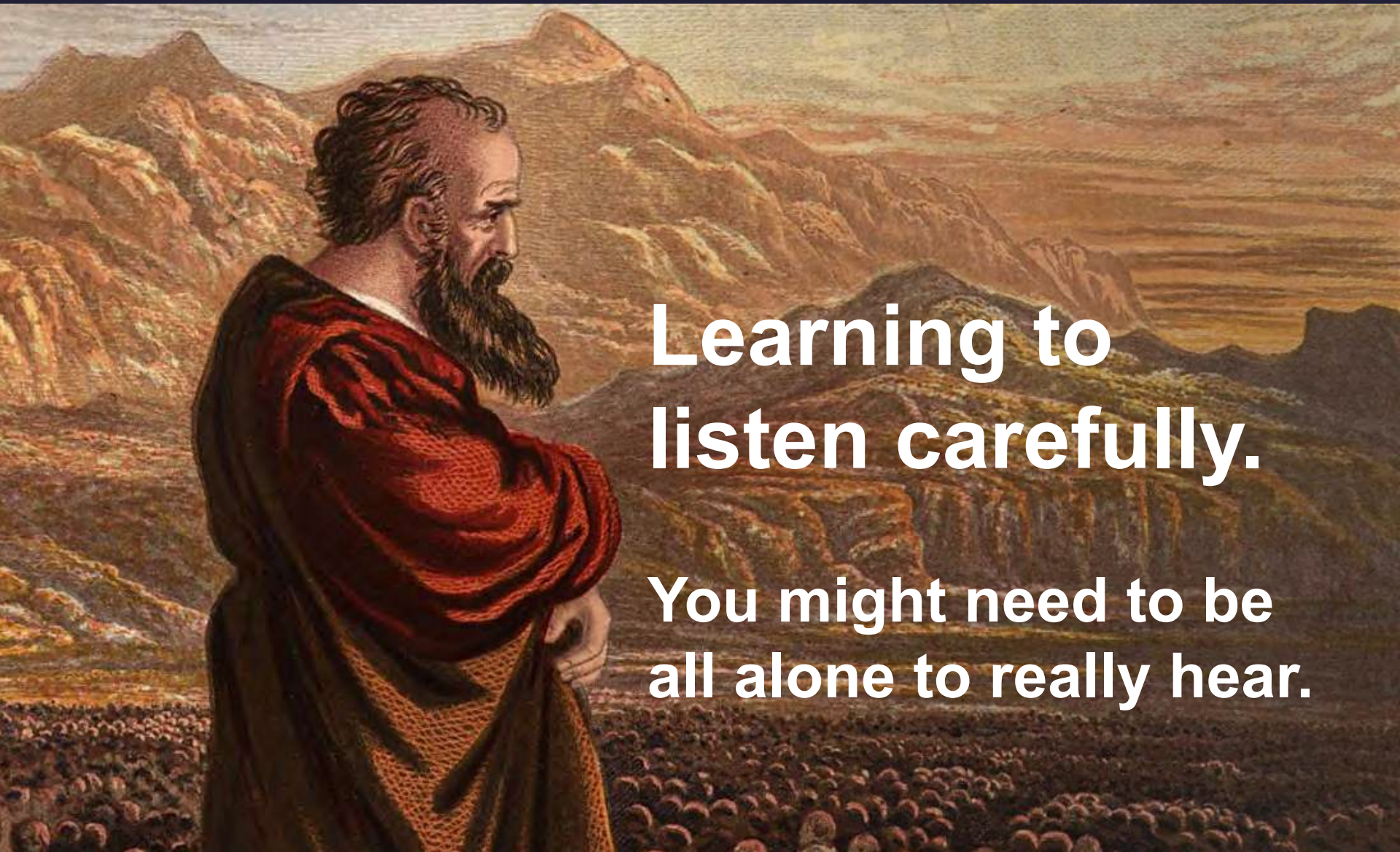
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but according to my word..**

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**Learning to
listen carefully.**

**You might need to be
all alone to really hear.**

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HIS TRAINING

**Vs 2: "And the word of the Lord
came unto him,"**

Point 1 - Training In listening

God is always speaking
Am I listening ?

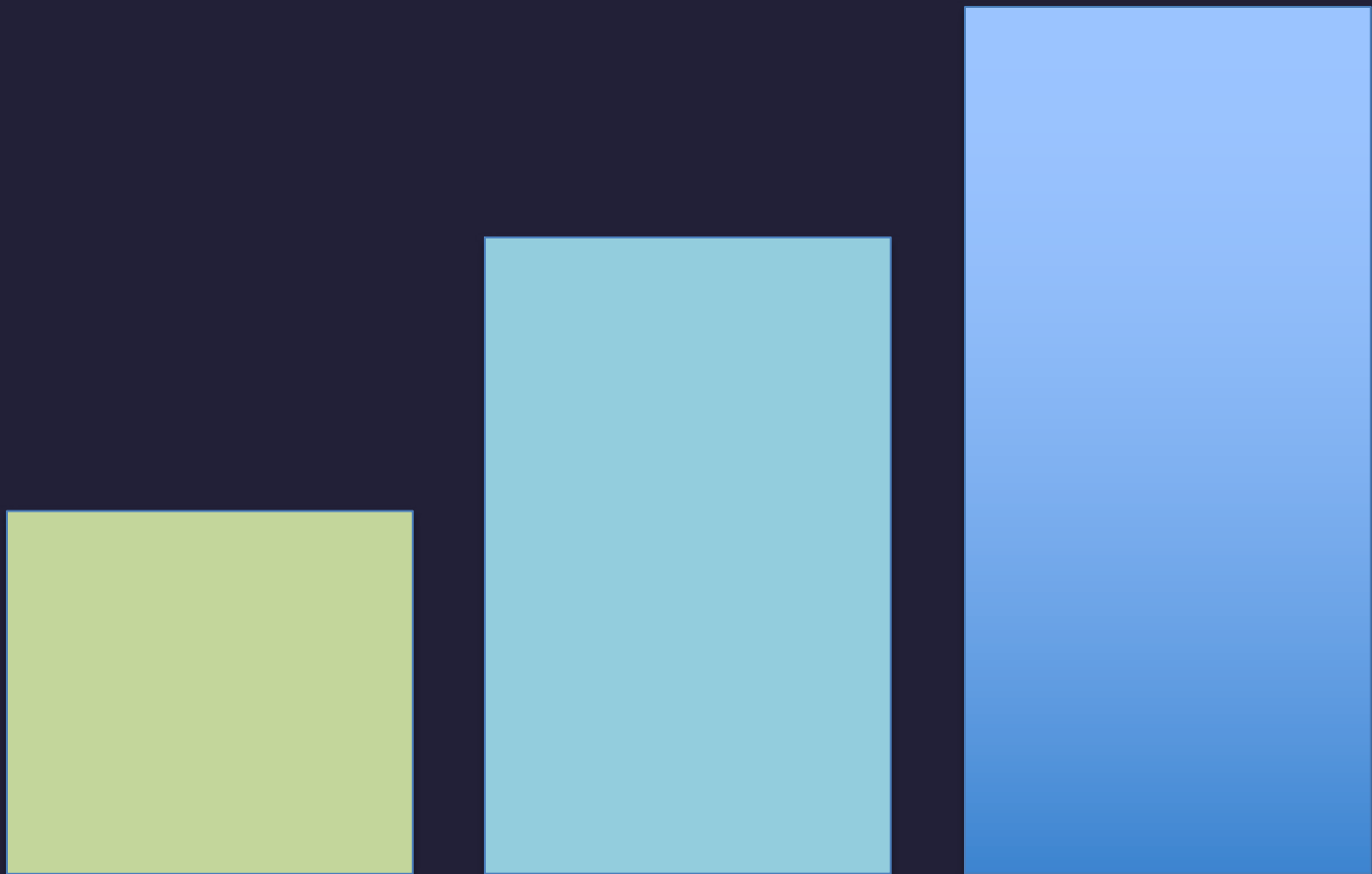
Point 2 - Training in steps

Jeremiah 10:23

I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not in himself, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.

One step at a time:

School grades: 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade



Gods steps of training

1. Direction vs 3-

2. Provision – vs 4

3. Reaction - vs 5

4. Examination - vs 7

1. Direction

The direction had to come from God.

Vs 2 And the **word of the Lord** came unto him,

1. Direction

Vs 3 “Get thee from here and hide.”

Go Hide.

Where should I hide?

3 Get thee from here, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

• Pehel
(Pella)

Tishbe. •

• Jabesh-gilead

Br. Cherith

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• Tabbath

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Why was Elijah to hide?

1. For protection
2. To hide God's Word – Elijah was God's messenger.

Famine of the word of God.

Amos 8:11, 12.

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a **famine** of bread, nor a thirst for water, but **of hearing the words of the Lord:**

and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it,"

What does Cherith mean?

Cherith” “a cutting,”

The Hebrew is similar to the word Divorce

-Cair-eeth - Cherith

-Cair-ee-thooth – Divorce

Cherith means cutting off....a “separation”

Bible names are the key to unlock a passage.

Point 3- Training in separation

God's people are separate unto to Him.

Separation. Not isolation.

We are in the world but not of the world.

Separation



Isolation.



**Keep the water
out of the boat.**





Elijah needed to be alone with God

“Be Still and know that I am God”
(Psalm 46:10)

Verses 1

Public Ministry

Private Training

Verses 2-7

- **Joseph** was in a pit and a prison before he stood before Pharaoh.
- **Moses** was in the desert before he stood before Pharaoh
- **David** was a lonely shepherd before he stood up before Goliath.
- **Paul** was in in Arabia, before he stood before King Agrippa.
- **Lord Jesus**, was 30 years in private. before he stood before Pontius Pilate.

1. Direction
2. Provision
3. Reaction
4. Examination.

1 Kings 17:4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee **there**.

PROVISION: “And it shall be”-

God never gives **direction**
without **providing** what's needed
to fulfill his commands.

*“All I have needed, thy hand has provided,
great is thy faithfulness*

The Provision :

Water to drink

“... that thou shalt drink of the brook”

Bread and meat to eat.

...ravens to feed thee.

Ravens - “ravenous” an intense hunger.



They were unclean birds, that was in the law:

These are the birds you are to detest and not eat because they are detestable:, any kind of **raven**, Leviticus 11:13

A raven bringing food to Elijah?

I have commanded the **ravens** to feed thee there.
I have commanded the **Arabians** to feed thee there.

עֹרֵב

'oreb

עֲרָבִי

'Arabiy

There.

“I have commanded the ravens to feed thee **THERE.**”

**Blessings are found where
God commands us to be**

The place is a part of the provision.

1. Direction

2. Provision

3. Reaction

4. Examination.

5 - So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

He obeys in 3 ways

1. HE WENT

“So he went and did according to the word of the Lord,

2. HE DID.

He listened to God’s Word, and He practiced God’s word.

*We show God how much knowledge we have
God shows me how little I obey.*

3. HE DWELT.

“...for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.”

GOD'S REACTION

6- And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

"My God shall supply all your need
Phil. 4:19"

GOD'S REACTION

Psalm 78:19

Yea, they spake against God; they said,
Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

1. Direction
2. Provision
3. Reaction
4. Examination.

And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land" (v. 7).

What's the examination?

Brook dries up.



“And it came to pass...”

“and it happened.”

It came to pass means - “it came to be”.
“to become,

This did not happen by chance, it was part
of God’s plan.

“And it came to pass...”

Luke 2 :1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

453 times the Bible says, “And it came to pass

God wanted Elijah to see
the brook dry up.



Why does the brook dry up?
because there was no rain in the land”.

But what did Elijah pray for?
No Rain.

WHAT IS THE EXAMINATION HERE?

Elijah is your trust in Brook Cherith, or in the Living God?

Will I trust in what God has given me, or will I trust God!

Andrew Murray- **Four Helps in handling trials**

1. He has brought me here. And in that fact I will rest.
2. He will keep me here in his love and give me grace to behave as his child.
3. He will make the trial a blessing. Teaching me the lesson he intends for me to learn.
4. In his good time, he can bring me out again. How and when, he knows.

I am here:

1. By His appointment
2. In His keeping
3. Under His training.
4. For His Time.

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DIRECTION

PROVISION

REACTION

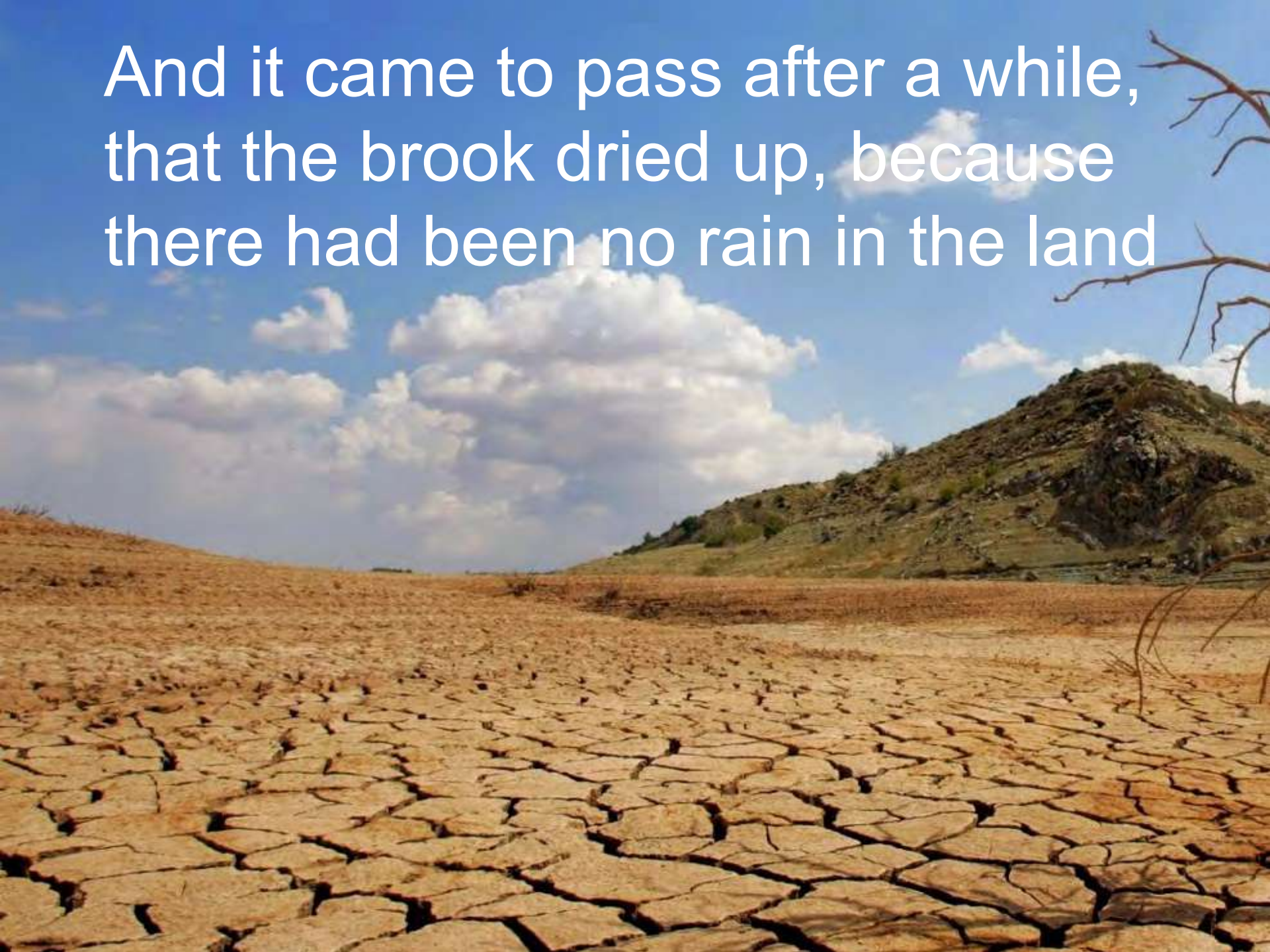
EXAMINATION



ELIJAH

HIS REFINING

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there had been no rain in the land



**8 And the word of the Lord
came unto him, saying,**

PRINCIPLE:

**Only move at
the Word of the Lord.**



Gods steps of training

- 1. Direction**
- 2. Provision**
- 3. Reaction**
- 4. Examination**

1. Direction

ARISE, GO, STAY

9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Sidon, and dwell there:

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(1) The First Direction - “**Arise.**”

The prodigal son said, “I will **ARISE** and go to my father”

ARISE, GO, STAY

9 Arise, **get thee** to Zarephath, which belongeth to Sidon, and dwell there:

(2) The Second Direction GO

halak : means walk, take a journey



THE GREAT SEA
(Mediterranean Sea)

Zarephath

PHOENICIA

MT. LEBANON

LEONTES R.

MT. HERMON

Tyre

Dan

ARAM
(SYRIA)

Hazor

JORDAN R.

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ZAREPHATH
AND
MT CARMEL

ISRAEL
(SAMARIA)

MT. CARMEL

KISHON R.

SEA OF CHINNERETH

Aphak

YARMOUK R.

VALLEY OF JEZREEL

GILEAD

Dor

Jezreel

JORDAN R.

GO TO ZAREPHATH?

Zarephath: means “refining”.

A place where metals are melted.



ELIJAH HIS REFINING



Zarephath

Enemy land.

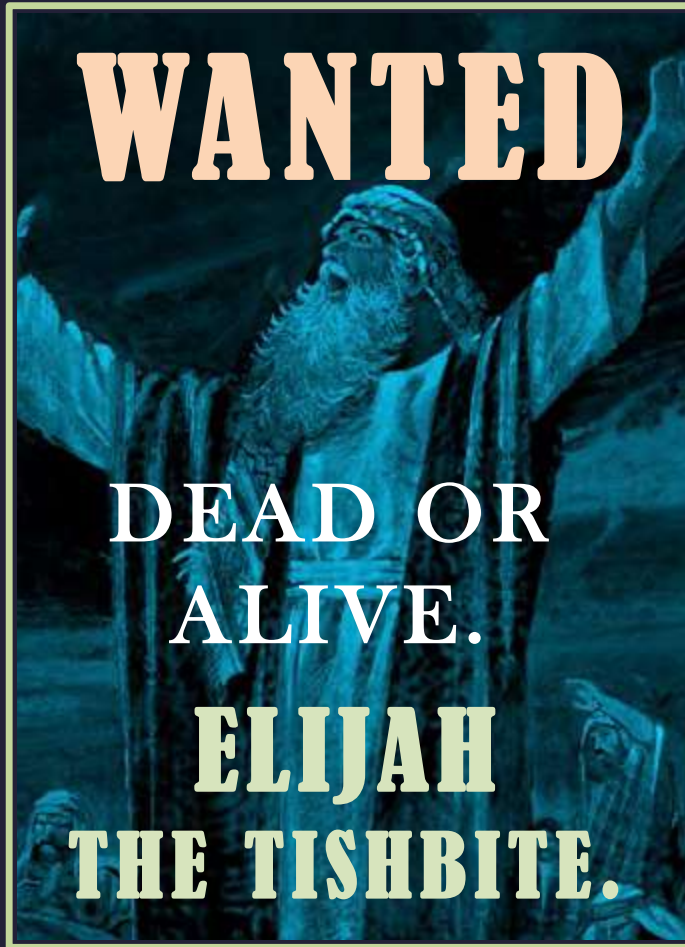
The home of Jezebel.

The center of Baal worship.

WANTED

DEAD OR
ALIVE.

ELIJAH
THE TISHBITE.



ARISE, GO, STAY

9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Sidon, and **dwel** there:

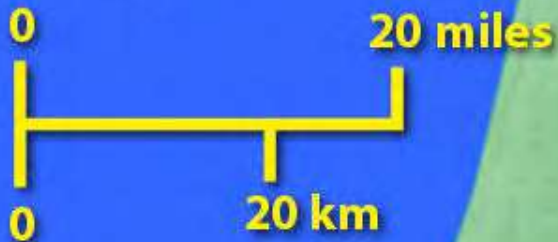
(3) The Third Direction -“and DWELL THERE.”
(yashab, “live, dwell”)

There.

9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which
belongeth to Sidon, and dwell **there.**

God changes
Elijah's
circumstances

Scale



Why does He move us around?

Circumstances develop Character.

Arise, Go to Zarephath and dwell there.

1. **ARISE - “Begin by Faith”**
2. **GO.— “Walk by Faith”**
3. **STAY. – “Live by Faith”.**

1. Direction
2. Provision
3. Reaction
4. Examination

Vs9... behold, I have commanded a widow woman **there** to sustain thee.

God commands a raven

God commands a widow.

PRINCIPLE:

**Who would supply Elijah's need,
the widow or the Lord?**

End of scene 1

Intermission

1. Direction
2. Provision
3. Reaction
4. Examination

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath...

vs 10 And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was **there** gathering sticks



PRINCIPLE:
God arranges meetings



ASKS FOR A DRINK

10... and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a **little water** in a vessel, that I may drink.

ASKS FOR BREAD

11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a **morsel of bread** in thine hand.

1. Direction
2. Provision
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4. Examination

12 And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

Examination:

***She has no food
for Elijah!***

Vs 12

And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth

Lord Your God? Liveth?

The Lord must be working on her heart too.

ELIJAH'S DIRECTION –FEED ME FIRST

13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

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ELIJAH'S PROVISION— PROMISE OF SUPPLY

14 For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.

“For thus saith the Lord”
The Word of the Lord.

**If you have been comforted.
Now you can comfort others.**

2 Cor 1:4

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that **we may be able to comfort them** which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

The barrel of meal shall not waste,
neither shall the cruse of oil **fail**,

*Psalm 23 – The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not
want (lack)*

FAIL- Lack, Want

“UNTIL THE DAY”

The Lord sends the rain.

Joshua 5

12 And the **manna ceased** on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

WIDOW'S REACTION

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

GOD'S REACTION

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.

LESSONS

1. Look beyond
what you can see.

This is all about faith. What you can't see.

God did not tell Elijah

*“I am sending you to a widow who is
about to die.”*

LESSONS

2. God is Refining you.

He needs to make
you better and stronger.



LESSONS

3. We need
fresh bread everyday

Daily Manna.

God is growing Elijah's faith.

Cherith – 1 Person

Zarephath – 3 People

Four Stages for the Widow

- 1. DIRECTION:** You make me a cake first.
- 2. PROVISION:** God will provide food
- 3. REACTION:** She went and did according to Elijah.
- 4. EXAMINATION...**

Four Stages for the Widow

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What's the examination?

COME BACK

Tomorrow

AND FIND OUT



ELIJAH

HIS TRIBULATION
HIS STRETCHING

1. DIRECTION:

9 – “Go to Zarephath”
Go live in Baal country.

2. PROVISION:

“I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.”

3. RESPONSE:

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath.

4. EXAMINATION:

She has no food for Elijah.

Four Steps for the Widow

- 1. DIRECTION:** You make me a cake first.
- 2. PROVISION:** God will provide food
- 3. REACTION:** She went and did what Elijah said.
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4. EXAMINATION

17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so severe, that there was no breath left in him.

18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

Her son dies.

“Now it came to pass after these things.”

After all the blessing of God' provision!

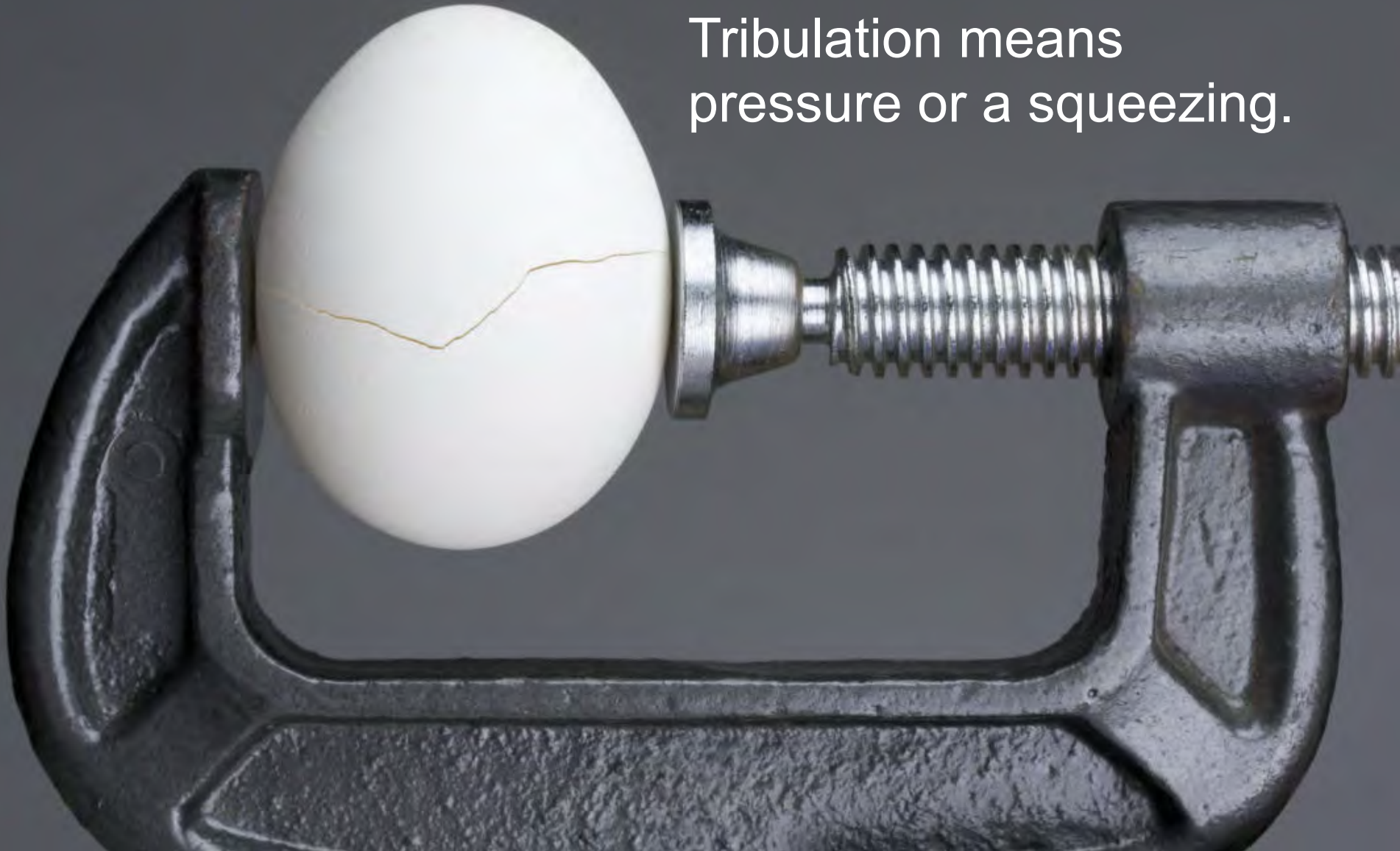
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Tribulation means
pressure or a squeezing.





Colgate[®]
Fluoride Toothpaste

Cavity Protection
Strengthens teeth with Active Fluoride
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Pressure reveals what's inside.



Tribulation means “pressure”.

THE REACTION OF THE WIDOW

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3 common reactions to Tribulation

Misconception 1:

Being good eliminates tribulation

(Elijah is here, I don't have to fear)

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Being good eliminates tribulation

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REALITY: Godly will suffer tribulations

1 Peter 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

3 common reactions to Tribulation

Misconception 2:

Being bad causes tribulation.

We say “my sin causes TRIBULATION”

18 art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance?

3 common reactions to Tribulation

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REALITY: Not necessarily

Sin can cause Tribulation but not always.

3 common reactions to Tribulation

Misconception 3:

Tribulation causes bitterness

We say “I can’t help my reaction to Tribulations”.

“art thou come unto me to slay my son?

Guilt ➡ **Anger** ➡ **Blame.**

- 1. Trials hit us.**
- 2. We wonder why.**
- 3. We feel guilt.**
- 4. We get angry.**
- 5. We blame others.**

3 common reactions to Tribulation

Misconception 3:

Tribulation causes bitterness

We say “I can’t help my reaction to Tribulations”.

REALITY: It doesn’t have to. It can help me grow.

Romans 5:3

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that **tribulation worketh patience;**

The Emperor Moth



The Emperor Moth



The Emperor Moth



**You have to stress steel
to make it stronger.**

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ELIJAH

HIS

STRETCHING

 SQUEEZING 

 STRETCHING 

God wants to increase the faith of Elijah.

Reaction of Elijah

19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

Prayer of Elijah

20 And he cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

How can she sustain me if she has no reason to live? Lord you said she would provide until the rain comes.

Elijah's Stretching

No one has ever come back
from the dead before.

Empty Brook

Empty Barrel

Empty Breath.

Elijah's Stretching

21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

Resurrection

22 And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

Elijah Heard.

2 And the **word of the Lord** came unto him,

5 So he went and did according unto the **word of the Lord**:

8 And the **word of the Lord** came unto him,

Lord Heard.

22 And the **Lord heard the voice of Elijah**;

See?

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, **thy son liveth.**

**The doctrine of resurrection.
This is all new!**

What is resurrection?

1. The body has to be restored.
Corruption starts immediately.
2. The soul and spirit must be reunited
with the body, the physical part.

“the soul of the child came into him again”

Elijah you speak Truth!

24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth.

Now she learned that not only does God sustain life, he gives life!

FAITH

Heb 11:11

Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Heb 11:23

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of **his parents**, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

FAITH

Heb 11:32

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of **Samson**, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

Heb 11:35

Who through faith.....

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

The Widow of Zarephath

LESSON ON PRAYER

Persist in Prayer.

James says, the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth “much”.

LESSON ON SALVATION

Identification.

Elijah identified with that child in his death.

We are identified with Christ in His death for us.

LESSON ON FAITH

Stretching Your Faith

God uses stress to grow your faith.

That last bit of toothpaste take a lot of pressure to get out.



Class Examination

READ 1 KINGS 18:1-40

1. DIRECTION:

2. PROVISION:

3. REACTION:

4. EXAMINATION:



ELIJAH

HIS SHOWING

A new chapter in Elijah's Life.

1 Kings 18

18 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2 And Elijah went to show himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.

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HIS SHOWING

“Go, show yourself to Ahab”

Private: Go hide thyself 1 Kings 17:3

Public: Go show thyself 1 Kings 18:1

1. DIRECTION:

2. PROVISION:

I will send rain upon the earth.

3. REACTION:

4. EXAMINATION:

Why is the rain coming now?

They had not repented yet.

But would they?....

1. DIRECTION:

2. PROVISION:

3. REACTION: Elijah went to show himself to Ahab

4. EXAMINATION:

1. DIRECTION:

2. PROVISION:

3. REACTION:

4. EXAMINATION:

A showdown between God and Baal

Who is Obadiah?

1. Obadiah was the head of the palace of Ahab.
2. Obadiah was a believer. He feared the Lord.
3. Obadiah hid the Lord's prophets.
4. Obadiah wanted the best of both worlds.
 - A. Feared the Lord
 - B. Served Ahab.

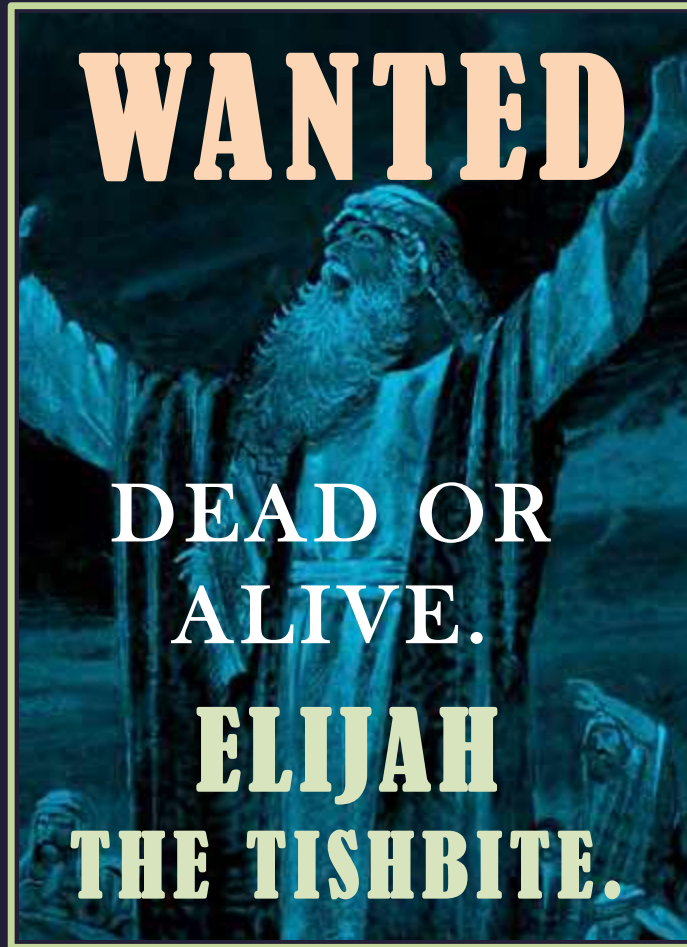
Ahab wants to get Elijah

10 As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not there; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

WANTED

DEAD OR
ALIVE.

**ELIJAH
THE TISHBITE.**



HIS SHOWING

1Kings 18:15 And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, **I will surely show myself** unto him to day.

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

You Troubler!

17 And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

Have I finally found you?

Elijah's REACTION

18 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou hast followed Baalim.

Elijah's DIRECTION

19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

MOUNT CARMEL

Carmel - a garden land



Why Carmel? Carmel was the site of Baal wor



HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE

850 to 1

God plus one is a majority

Ahab's REACTION

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.



1. Conscience

2. Thoughts

3. Hearts

Just like Romans 2:15

Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

1. Elijah appeals their conscience

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HALT – Limp, Hesitate

You hesitate. You are undecided.

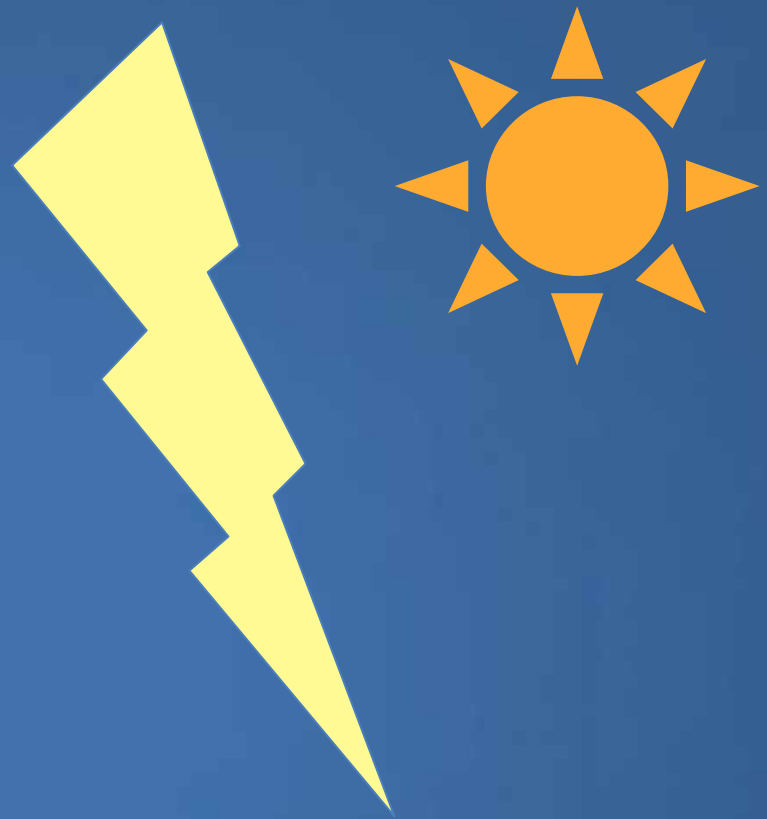
Make up your mind.

It is going to be God or Baal? Pick one.

SILENCE OF THE PEOPLE

Verse 21 , "And the people answered him not a word."

THE
BATTLE
OF THE
GODS



SHOWDOWN

THE SHOWDOWN PROPOSED

23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

2. Elijah appeals their thoughts

God gives evidence so that we may believe
Think through your conclusion.

Baal was in charge of the weather.

The Rain

The Sun



A contrast between the prophets.

1. BIGGER NUMBERS – Winner: Baal Prophets
850 -1 were the odds.

2. THE LOCATION - Winner: Baal Prophets –
Mount Carmel, their home field.

3. POPULARITY - Winner: Baal Prophets
Baal was the popular religion of the day, The King
and the Queen.

Why Elijah say pray for fire and not rain?

Fire in Israel's History:

- The Pillar of Fire
- Mount Sinai and the Law-
- The offerings upon the Tabernacle Altar,



Why Fire?

Because a sacrifice was needed for sin.

The Baal priests sacrifice

26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

O Baal...Hear us!”

Elijah mocks them

27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or perhaps he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

Try it LOUDER!!!

Maybe he's on the phone?

Maybe he's busy?

Maybe he's out of town?

Maybe he's taking nap"

Why did he say these things?

Appeal to their Reason, their Thoughts.

Baal priests cry louder

27 Elijah mocked them, **Cry aloud.....**

28 And **they cried aloud**, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

6 hours go by. Silence from heaven.

3. Elijah appeals their hearts



30 And Elijah said unto all the people,
Come near unto me. And all the people came
near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the
Lord that was broken down.

REPAIRED THE ALTAR

30 And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down.

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

Shows a sacrifice is the way to come to God.

Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice

Soak it down completely.



Elijah's 20 second prayer

36 Elijah said...

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

He appeals to their heart.

Does Baal care about people?



**“Let it be known this day
that thou art God in Israel”**

**God is re-establishing
His authority in Israel.**

God's glory

37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their **heart** back again.

He touched the people through their **HEART**.



Fire Falls

38 Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.



People Worship

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.

The LORD Jehovah He is the God.

Killing the priests

40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.



SURREXIT ELIAS
PROPHETA QUASI
IGNIS ET VERBUM
IPSIUS QUASI FURCA
ARDEBIT

דוד בן יוסף
בשנת ה'תש"ל
ויסאיתו הנביא בא
ולדו כס"ד בע"ר

Now was that really necessary?

Deut 18: 20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.



SURREXIT ILLIUS
PROPHETA QUASI
IPSIUS QUAE FACULA
AUDEBAT

דוד בן יוסף
הגדולי

יבסאיחיה הנביא
ורבנו רבינו

Their conscience –

Awakening a choice of right and wrong.

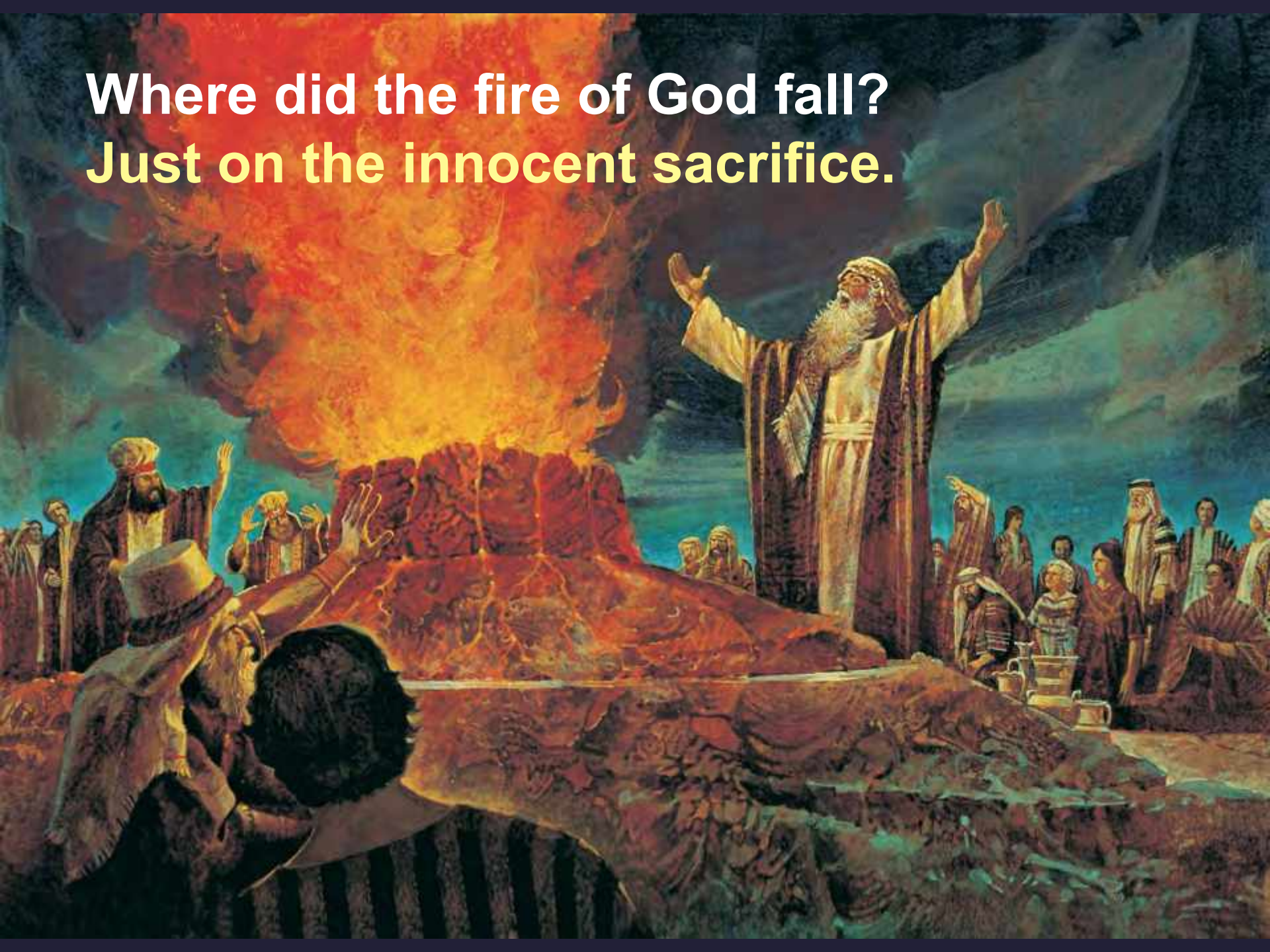
Their thoughts –

Evidence that demands a verdict.

Their hearts –

Reminder of our living, loving, personal God

**Where did the fire of God fall?
Just on the innocent sacrifice.**



Message of the Old Testament

1. The Lord is God.

Message of the Old Testament

1. The Lord is God.

Message of the New Testament

2. Jesus Christ is Lord.



Stand where the fire has been.





ELIJAH

HIS CONFIDENCE

HIS TRAINING

HIS REFINING

HIS TRIBULATION

HIS STRETCHING

HIS SHOWING

*I was guilty with nothing to say
And they were coming to take me away
But then a voice from heaven was heard that
said "Let him go" and take me instead.*

*I should have been crucified
I should have suffered and died
I should have hung on the cross in disgrace
But Jesus, God's Son took my place.*