

## INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **1Kings 19:1-12.**
- B. This is the last of three sermons on the life of Elijah the prophet.
- C. During this series of lessons we have seen the following:
  - 1. Part One:
    - a. The power of providence (fed by birds).
    - b. The power of faith (the widow has flour and oil).
    - c. The power of prayer (Elijah raises son from the dead).
  - 2. Part Two:
    - a. Introduction and Elijah as forerunner to John the Baptist.
    - b. The power of God (Elijah and Baal's prophets).
- D. Tonight is Part 3:
  - 1. The power of the simple.
  - 2. The power in being a slave to sin.
  - 3. The power of Jehovah over idols.

## I. THE POWER OF THE SIMPLE.

- A. Scripture text: 1Kgs. 19:1-18.
- B. God strengthens Elijah while under the threat of death.
- C. Elijah is fed by angels and then has a vision from God showing that God's presence is to be felt, not so much in the grand displays of power which strike our senses, as in the "still small voice" that speaks to the heart.
- D. If God asks us to do a task He is obligated to give us the strength to do it. God will never give us a task to do that is too difficult for us to carry out (Mt. 25:14-15; 1Pet. 4:11).
- E. The glory of the ordinary is seen in Paul's letter to the Corinthians (1Cor. 1:26-31).

## II. THE POWER IN BEING A SLAVE TO SIN.

- A. Scripture text: 1Kgs. 21:1-29.
- B. King Ahab wants Naboth's vineyard. He will not sell or trade it because it is his inheritance received and to do so would be against the law of Moses (Lev. 25:23-28).
- C. Ahab pouts and Jezebel will not take 'no' for an answer, so she conspires to have Naboth killed.
- D. As Ahab goes down to claim the land, Elijah finds him and points out his sin. He points out that Ahab is a slave to sin (v20).
- E. The NT speaks of people who were slaves of sin (Rom. 1:24, 26, 28-32; 6:19; 7:14; 2Tim. 3:13; 2Pet. 2:19-20).

## III. THE POWER OF JEHOVAH OVER IDOLS.

- A. Scripture text: 2Kgs. 1:1-18.
- B. King Ahaziah falls and suffers great injury. He sends messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub of whether his injury is fatal. They return because Elijah turns them away.
- C. Ahaziah sends 50 men to get Elijah and he destroys them with fire from heaven.
- D. Then 50 more die with fire from heaven. A third 50 finally persuades Elijah to come to Ahaziah and when he does gives a prediction of death.
- E. Idols are strictly forbidden by God (Exo. 20:3,4-6,23; 1Cor. 10:7; 1Jn. 5:21; Gal. 5:20).

## CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. The last of a three part series on the life of Elijah has attempted to show:

1. The power of the simple (God gives strength).
  2. The power in being a slave to sin (sin means more sin).
  3. The power of Jehovah over idols.
- B. I hope you have benefitted by these studies and applications from the life of Elijah.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.