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Sunday, July 18, 2010

The Life of Elijah—part 8

“Gone with the Wind” 1 Kings 21

Sermon Outline:

I. Elijah vs. Son of Ahab

A. The _____ of Ahaziah.

1. Physical malady resulting from God’s curse.

2. _____ malady that led him to idolatry and occult.

B. The Consuming _____ — Treat God’s servants with _____.

II. _____ With the _____

1. Elijah knew his departure was at hand and prepared his spiritual _____.

2. Elijah’s insistence on remaining with his master.

3. Elijah’s un _____ request. He was concerned for personal impact, not personal comfort.

4. Elijah’s unusual departure.

5. Elisha’s _____ to Elijah’s homegoing. Grieve and then get _____.

6. Elijah’s _____.

Scripture References: **1-2** Now Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. **2** And Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber which was in Samaria, and became ill. So he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I will recover from this sickness." **3-17a** But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?' **4** "Now therefore thus says the LORD, 'You shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" Then Elijah departed. **5** When the messengers returned to him he said to them, "Why have you returned?" **6** They said to him, "A man came up to meet us and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you and say to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die.'" **7** He said to them, "What kind of man was he who came up to meet you and spoke these words to you?" **8** They answered him, "He was a hairy man with a leather girdle bound about his loins." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite." **9** Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him, and behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. And he said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'" **10** Elijah replied to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. **11** So he again sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he said to him, "O man of God, thus says the king, 'Come down quickly.'" **12** Elijah replied to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

13 So he again sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. When the third captain of fifty went up, he came and bowed down on his knees before Elijah, and begged him and said to him, "O man of God, please let my life and the lives of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight. **14** "Behold fire came down from heaven and consumed the first two captains of fifty with their fifties; but now let my life be precious in your sight." **15** The angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king. **16** Then he said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron--is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word?--therefore you shall not come down from the bed where you have gone up, but shall surely die.'" **17** So Ahaziah died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken.

Leviticus 20:6 *As for the person who turns to mediums and to spiritists, to play the harlot after them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.*

Deuteronomy 18:9-12 *When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. **10** "There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, **11** or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. **12** "For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you ."*

2 Kings 2:1 *And it came about when the LORD was about to take up Elijah by a whirlwind to heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. **2** Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here please, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. **3** Then the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; be still." **4** Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. **5** The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be still." **6** Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. **7** Now fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood opposite them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. **8** Elijah took his mantle and folded it together and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. **9** When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." **10** He said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." **11** As they were going along and talking, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire which separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven. **12** Elisha saw it and cried out, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw Elijah no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. **13** He also took up the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and returned and stood by the bank of the Jordan. **14** He took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him and struck the waters and said, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the waters, they were divided here and there; and Elisha crossed over. **15** Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho opposite him saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him.*