

ELIJAH'S RAPTURE

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12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

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I KINGS 17:1

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.

2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, 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.

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

I KINGS 17:8

8 ¶ And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

I KINGS 18:20

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

21 ¶ And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

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.

25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

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.

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 peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

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.

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.**

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:

32 **And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.**

33 And he put the wood **in order**, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

36 **And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice**, that Elijah the prophet came near, and 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.**

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.

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.**

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.

41 ¶ And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, **like a man's**

hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

I KINGS 19:1

1 ¶ And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and **he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.**

WHAT.DOES.THOU.HERE_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 59-0301E

E-22 And I tell you, Elijah and his nerves on the edge anyhow... I always felt sorry for him. **His nerves was about ready to break anyhow**, and that great pound from Jezebel finished the stroke. Then he run and went into the wilderness and laid under the juniper tree.

Oh, that experience of the juniper tree. There's many of us find ourselves under the juniper tree. **I get myself under there many times, to a place that you don't know what to do. You're flusterated. Frankly, I'm right under it now, and wondering, "Oh, God, what would You have me do."** You know, people under the juniper tree is like Elijah; they like to sleep. **I--I preach to more tired people than anybody in the world. People's so tired. They--they--they--they're so mentally strained** until they're filling the insane institutions and the hospitals everywhere. They're went in such a nervous condition, till they don't know what they do believe and

what they want. They're just laying there; they don't know what to do. Oh, it's such a sad sight.

WHAT.DOES.THOU.HERE_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 59-0301E

E-24 **There he laid under the juniper tree. He didn't know what to do. His nerves was broke; he was shaking. He was crying, no doubt. And he was in a terrible condition. Many of us hit those places, especially after a Mount Carmel experience.....**

.....I know that a man can overwork himself, and a man can underwork himself. A man... God knowed this man needs feeding. He needed something to eat. And under this place here where he was laying, God had to do something for him. **God has to do something for every man that comes under the juniper tree, or he'll go to pieces.** He has to do it. If His servant's laying under the tree yonder, don't know what to do, he's carried out his commission; Elijah said, "Oh, Lord, let me die."

WHAT.DOES.THOU.HERE_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 59-0301E

E-25 I've had those feelings after I come out of a meeting and looked like I tried, and preached, and begged, and persuaded, and seen the Angel of God sweep through a meeting and do signs and wonders, and set in a car on the outside and hear them cry, say. **"It was nothing but psychology; there's nothing to it. Nothing to that. That's all nonsense."**

Oh, then I crawled under the juniper tree; I think, "Lord, what did You... Why'd You let me do it for?" What can it be done, but we all hit those experiences. But the mercy of Jehovah to His servant: God knows your trials. Just know this: He knows all about it.

WHAT.DOES.THOU.HERE_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 59-0301E

E-27 Sometimes you feel like, as I did one time, **put a pistol against my head to commit suicide, but I couldn't do it. I took my glove off to lay it on a high voltage line where I was working, but I couldn't do it.** Something still held. The same God that was with Elijah, that same God today He seen me under the juniper tree, my wife and baby laying in yonder in the

grave, and my dad, and my brother-in-law when I was just about gone myself. I've laid under the juniper tree. It's hard. And I got to a place I was so beside myself, I tried to make a gun shoot my brains out, and it wouldn't do it. See, there's work yet to be done. Something has to be done; God wasn't finished. He'll always take care of you.

WHAT.HEAREST.THOU.ELIJAH_ LA.CA SUNDAY_ 59-0412E

E-18 I think we could express it like the old colored lady said down south when she'd been hit by an automobile. A car had struck her, and they asked her if she wanted to sue for damages. She said, "Lawsy no, child. I don't need damage; I need repair." And I think that's about the way the church needs tonight is a repair, a place under the juniper tree so we can be alone. The prophet that great day, **how disappointed he was**, that he had done just exactly what God told him to do, and he thought, surely if He did that, the people would believe it. But he came to find out that all the miracles that God told him to perform, he did it, and still Jezebel, not only refused it, but she said she would stop his campaign. He couldn't have no more of those campaigns, she'd cut his head off if he did.

You see when the devil gets a hold of a person, he just does him awful. And he thought the signs and the wonders of a living God would be sufficient, but it wasn't.

WHAT.HEAREST.THOU.ELIJAH_ CHICAGO.IL TUESDAY_ 59-0609

E-12.....**And he was worn out. His nerves were all on the edge, and... And--and just like the people today.** We need a juniper tree. I preached to **tired people, nervous people**; pray for nervous people. And it's a nervous, neurotic, upset world right now that we're living in. Everybody's just on the edge, as to say, or to speak. Like it's just any little thing so upsets them.

God's people is that way. The world is that way. We all need a juniper tree, a place to rest.....

UNBELIEF.DOES.NOT.HINDER.GOD_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_ 62-0128M

E-12 And then did you notice? Immediately after Elijah's ministry with that Jezebel, and all the people try to pattern after

her and everything... How he must have rammed and cut that Gospel in there that day, then finally after he done proved God that--was God, **God come down and a vindicated that He was God, then he had a nervous breakdown. He went out and set under the juniper tree, and wanted to die**, and--and prayed for God to take his life. Forty days and nights he was out there in the wilderness wandering around, and God found him pulled back in a cave somewhere.

I KINGS 19:5

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

WHAT.HEAREST.THOU.ELIJAH_ LA.CA SUNDAY_ 59-0412E

E-22.....And the poor little fellow, skinny, laying there and his gray hair hanging over his shoulders... God said, "My servant needs some rest." God's mercy to his servant, He just laid him down on the bunch of weeds and he went to sleep.

I'd imagine there was **ten thousand Angels watching him sleep**. There's one assurance the believer has, though the world turned him down, yet God loves him. The world may call you holy-roller; they may call you fanatic; but if you're true to God there's one sure thing: God loves you, and His Angels are encamped about those who fear Him.

WHAT.HEAREST.THOU.ELIJAH_ LA.CA SUNDAY_ 59-0412E

E-23 I'd imagine on every limb, all around through the place, was swarms of Angels. And God came down, and He said, "**My poor little tired servant. He's so nervous and tore up, he don't know what to do. I want to pick out the Angel**

standing here that's got the softest hands. Don't you scare him; walk over and stroke his brow right easy. And I want the best cook among you, and go up there, and get all the vitamins that you can find, and put in this corn meal. The world's turned him down, but I'm going to treat him right." Hallelujah. That means "praise our God." Don't get scared of that. "Bring forth the best that we got; cook him a corn cake and set him down some water." And **this soft-handed Angel went over and stroked the little servant of God on the brow. Remember, if you've done your best, God's still got those Angels in order. He loves you just the same as He loved Elijah.**

WHAT.HEAREST.THOU.ELIJAH_ LA.CA SUNDAY_ 59-0412E

E-24 And he stroked his brow, and Elijah woke up. And I may hear him say something like this, "The Lord your God Who loves you... You done your best, Elijah. I only sent those signs for a witness, that in the day of the judgment, they'll have to stand it alone. I... You done just as I told you to do. I know you're tired and weary now. And the Lord God, Creator of heavens and earth has sent Me to feed you this bread and this water."

Elijah, rubbing his eyes, raising up, little frail shaking hands, took a hold of the bread and eat it. Just then the great Angelic choir come out, formed a little panoramic around him like that, and begin to sing the songs, like no mother could soo her baby to sleep. Let him sleep again. Then Father turned around and said, "You know, I love him so much; the journeys great. He has got a lot to go through with yet. I'm not through with him. So I must feed him again."

So He called the Angels, and dumped in another big bundle of vitamins, and cooked up another corn cake, and set him a cruse of water, and stroked his brow, and fed him again.

I KINGS 19:8

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 ¶ And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and **I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.**

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; **and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.**

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

II KINGS 9:1

1 ¶ And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramothgilead:

2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber;

3 Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.

4 So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramothgilead.

5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain.

6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel.

I KINGS 19:18

18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

II KINGS 2:1

1 ¶ And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.

8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 ¶ And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be

taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

13 ¶ He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

THE.JUNCTION.OF.TIME_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 56-0115

E-56.....heavenly Father, well, we're not much to begin with, Lord. We just come here because **You spoke us into existence.** You fed us and kept us. We who've accepted You, are very thankful, Lord, to know this, that someday that we're going to be changed. **This old vile body of humiliation that we live in will be changed and fashioned and made like unto Your body.** We rest safely in this ark. And by Thy Word this morning,

by the Holy Spirit, that He has brought to the people the signpost. **We're at the end, the change.....**

GETTING.IN.THE.SPIRIT_ CHICAGO.IL FRIDAY_ 61-0428

E-11.....A very beautiful type, Elijah was, of the--this day. When--may be a little off the beaten line from some man who knows the Bible better than I. But I kindly believe that there will be a message in the last days, something like Elijah. **And that Elijah Church like, will be--not die but be translated, taken up. Fire will take it up into glory, the Pentecostal Fire will rapture it up.**