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#### **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.

#### **I KINGS 19:2**

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 to morrow about this time.

#### **I KINGS 19:3**

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.

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

#### **I KINGS 19:6**

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.

#### **I KINGS 19:7**

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.

#### **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.

#### **I KINGS 19:9**

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?** 

GETTING.IN.THE.SPIRIT\_ CHICAGO.IL FRIDAY\_ 61-0428 E-42......Elijah had a breakdown when he was under the juniper tree. John had a breakdown in the prison. And he was a high pitched prophet. Them nerves on edge. And then his eagle eye filmed over.......

WHAT.HEAREST.THOU.ELIJAH\_ LA.CA SUNDAY\_ 59-0412E E-21.......little old Elijah's heart was broke.

Any minister knows what Monday morning is after a hard day on Sunday. Compare that; you preacher's wives you know how your husband is on Monday morning after he's preached hard two or three times Sunday. He's so worn out.

What do you think about poor little old Elijah? There he was, **no one to comfort him**, and he stopped under this juniper tree. And he knelt down, and looked up to God and said, "**Lord I'm so tired and so weary**. Why don't You just take my life and let me go. My fathers all went, so let me go."

WHAT.HEAREST.THOU.ELIJAH\_ LA.CA SUNDAY\_ 59-0412E E-22 Men who deal in the supernatural, who stay in the Presence of God, and when you see God's program turned down, and you preach it, and you try your best, and do everything that God tells you to do, and still they walk away from it, it's heartbreaking.....

......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 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...... 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 coo 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.

WHAT.HEAREST.THOU.ELIJAH\_ LA.CA SUNDAY\_ 59-0412E

E-25 I'm so glad that there is a juniper tree, when we get all wore and tore up, we can go under that juniper tree and find spiritual vitamins to travel any kind of a trip. There he laid. Woke up feeling a little better, and he went forty days and forty nights. I'd imagine if there's a doctor a listening in, wouldn't you like to know what kind of a vitamin he used, that'll keep a man on a corn cake and a glass of water for forty days and forty nights. That's the power of our God.......

## **JOHN 12:23**

23 And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

## **JOHN 12:24**

24 Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

## **PSALM 61:1**

1 ¶ To the chief Musician upon Neginah, A Psalm of David. Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

## **PSALM 61:2**

2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is **\*OVERWHELMED**: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

# **OVERWHELMED:** HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5848 {aw-taf'}

to turn aside, to envelop oneself, to be feeble, be faint, grow weak

#### **PSALM 61:3**

3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

#### **PSALM 61:4**

4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

#### **PSALM 142:2**

2 I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

## **PSALM 142:3**

3 When **my spirit was overwhelmed within me**, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

## **PSALM 142:4**

4 ¶ I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

## **PSALM 142:5**

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

### **PSALM 142:6**

6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

#### **PSALM 142:7**

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

#### **PSALM 143:3**

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.

#### **PSALM 143:4**

4 Therefore is my spirit **overwhelmed** within me; my heart within me is desolate.

#### **PSALM 143:5**

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.

LETTING.OFF.THE.PRESSURE\_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-11 SUNDAY\_ 62-0513E

35 We are living in a neurotic age, **nervous tension**. Everybody's racing here and going there, and going nowhere. It's just at that kind of an age. And I know this church would be plagued with it as everywhere's plagued with it. Tabernacle's plagued with it, everywhere, the whole world.

It's a day of pressure. Hurry, hurry; hurry, hurry; hurry up and wait. Drive ninety miles an hour and then--to get home for supper and wait two hours till it gets ready. That's right. It's--it's the time. And in that rushing and speeding it gets you to a nervous tension; the wife say something a little contrary, you want to fly off: temper. Husband say something, you'll pat your foot and tell him to get in the room. See? "Well, now husband, I don't want no words with you; go out there."

"Wife, oh, I'm so nervous." See? Why? What's the matter? See?

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All this together, this tension building up, then the results of it is doing something wrong and acting out of place. That's right. Now, it'll make the poor act that way; it'll make the middle class act that way; it'll make the rich act that way. It'll make the wrong act that way; it'll make the pretty good act that way; and it'll make the good act that way; because it's tension, steam built up. Got to blow it out somewhere. See? If you don't, you blow the boiler up.

Now, we find that. It builds up as the day goes. You talk to your boss if you're working, "Oh, so-and-so." And if you speak to the kiddie, "Come in here." "Mama, I'm..." See, there you are. It builds it up. Oooh, my. See? You feel like you're going to-head's going to come off. I know; I'm with it every day. So I--I know what it means. It builds up.

WHO.DO.YOU.SAY.THIS.IS\_ PHOENIX.AZ V-6 N-9 SUNDAY\_ 64-1227

And look at the world today, what a tension the whole world lives in. You go down the street... It's--it's not even safe to drive. It's not safe to be on a four lane highway. Everybody's at a tension, snapping and... What's the matter? Quieten down. Where you going? That's what's making the insane institutions fill up. That's what's got the church in such a turmoil. They're--they're so head-bound on certain thing. They won't stop and consider God's Word, and the hour that we're living; all under a strain, tension.

239-2 THYATIREAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.6

......Each age had its pressures. For example a great burden of the last age is the pressure of riches, soft living **and nervous tensions in a complex age that we seem unfitted to live in....** 

LETTING.OFF.THE.PRESSURE\_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-11 SUNDAY\_ 62-0513E

33.....there is a pressure on the people today. And that pressure has no limitation or any denominational lines; it has no age line;

it has no respect of person. It's on young and old, good and bad; it's on everybody: pressure.

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45 Everybody... It's just becoming a--a neurotic age. Everybody's all built up, haven't got no time. And that builds up to a place that it breaks up things, it causes people to have hard feelings when they snap them off and--and say things you don't mean to say.

Now, everybody's guilty of it. I'm guilty; you're all guilty, **We--we do things under pressure that we wouldn't do otherwise**. So they's a--they's an excess pressure built up today. I believe, before I go any farther I might say this: **I** believe it's the enemy coming down and pressing. I believe it's the devil.

And we know the coming of the Lord is at hand, and the Bible said in the last days that the devil would go about like a roaring lion. And if he could get you under pressure, hurrying, running over something, you'll make decisions that you wouldn't make if you'd set down and think it over.

LETTING.OFF.PRESSURE\_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY\_ 63-0113M 41 **And we are living in a day of much pressure**. Everywhere, everybody is so tense. And down the street with the hot rod, and they can't wait for the stop light, and, you know, and run over you. The... They're not going anywhere, not at all, not going. They're just as hard as they can race, but just racing towards Eternity, is all I know. And they... And you have to watch this way and that way......

LETTING.OFF.PRESSURE\_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY\_ 63-0113M 65 That's the way of a Christian experience, when people are trying to put a cold, formal confession into a powerful pentecostal Church, or experience, **unless that person is built from ground up, built up, born again, regenerated.** Impersonators of today, going around, trying to impersonate speaking in

tongues, trying to impersonate this and impersonate that, the gifts, if they are not born again.

And if they are born again, they cannot impersonate, because they were built for those things. They're born, regenerated, remolded; not just something that's patched up, and shook hands, and got emotion, and danced around the altar a few times, and says, "I got it." It's something that's been remolded, and regenerated, and become a new creature. Then it can stand the pressure of the persecution and the things that follows the spiritual life. You've got to be made and built to stand the pressure. And only one thing can do it. That's when you come into God's molding house, and be torn down and rebuilt, a new creature in Christ Jesus.

LETTING.OFF.THE.PRESSURE\_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-11 SUNDAY\_ 62-0513E

56......Now, in the Old Testament there was a time when a man could build up pressure way back there. And that was when he done something wrong. If he shed innocent blood, well then, he was on the run. Because as soon as that man that he killed--the wrong he did, that man he did the wrong to--some of his people would hunt him till he found him. And there he'd kill him. It was a tooth for a tooth and an eye for an eye. And, you see, a man had no place to stop.

If he done something accidentally, and of course, the people wouldn't believe it, well, he had to take off. Because just as soon as--as he did this, then the--the relatives of this man or woman, whoever it was, they started hunting him. And when they found him, it was tooth for tooth and eye for eye. That's the way they lived.

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57 And so he couldn't stop nowhere. He was a fugitive. He didn't know what to do, and he was on the run. A very type of today, I think that's what's causing so much pressure; we're on the run. That's what's the matter with the world: knowing they're wrong, knowing the coming of the Lord is at

hand, and the pressure's building up; and they're on the run. Roadhouse, gambling den, luxury, sin, immoral decay, anything to give vent; listen at television, dirty jokes, anything, give vent. They're on the run. There's something fixing to happen; they know it; and they're drinking themselves to death with pleasures and everything else: **on the run**.

They know there's something fixing to happen. The world speaks of it. We know that something's fixing to happen. This world may be blowed up before daylight. Every nation's under tension. Why?

#### **NUMBERS 35:26**

26 But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled;

#### **NUMBERS 35:27**

27 And the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood:

#### **NUMBERS 35:28**

28 Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession.

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- 92 The man must want to stay in the refuge. He can't go in there complaining. He must want to stay, no complainings about it. **Outside he dies; inside he's safe**......
- ......I pray daily, "Oh, God, I'm so happy here. Just let me stay." I never want to leave, and I know He'll never leave me. I know He'll never leave you. **And the pressure gets great; if it does, then He is our Outlet.** So we don't have to--to worry about it. If you're all pressured up, and don't know where you're going, what's going to happen to you after death (and you know you're going to die sometime, you've got it to do), **then the thing to**

## come is come to Christ the Refuge and let off the pressure. Settle it once for all.

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No matter what takes place, Christ is our Refuge. And 95 when we come to Him, we can let off the pressure. You can guit worrying about, "Well, if I die, what's going to happen to me? What's going to happen to the wife. What's going to happen to the husband? What's going to happen to the children?" Just come to Christ and let off the pressure. No, He give us all things. All things are ours by Christ, so just let the pressure off. The only one way you can do it... Somebody might give you a million dollars; it would build up pressure. You might join a church, and it'll still build up pressure, 'cause the Methodists will tell you they're right and Baptist's is wrong. And the Baptists say, "They're wrong and we're right." So it just builds up more pressure, 'cause you don't know where you're standing. But if you ever come to Christ, you can let off the pressure. 'Cause it's all over then; just settle it down.

LETTING.OFF.THE.PRESSURE\_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-11 SUNDAY\_ 62-0513E

97 God's provided Place of safety where God said, "The Name of the Lord is a mighty Tower, the righteous run into It and are safe." In a time of sickness, when sickness strikes, and the doctor says, "There's nothing else I can do about it," don't build up pressure; let off the pressure. Call your pastor; let him anoint you in oil and pray over you: Prayer of faith shall save the sick. Let off the pressure. See?

He's our Refuge. While you're in this Refuge, you've got a-you got right to anything that's in the Refuge. And Christ is
our Refuge, and everything you have need of is in Him. Amen. In
sickness don't build up pressure; let off pressure.

LETTING.OFF.THE.PRESSURE\_ GREEN.LAKE.WI FRIDAY\_ 62-0518

E-25 If we start out **just pretending** we are Christians, without going back to the very basis to be borned again, you'll blow up somewhere down along the road. **The pressure's too heavy.** You can't stand it 'less you're built for it. And you can't be built for it until God gets a hold of you, and not just polish you up, but starts you from the beginning and bring you to a real magnum, a real child of God that's built to stand the Word, built to stand the pressure, the pressure of the day. So many blow up. Men trying to impersonate others, and so they blow up sooner or later. God has brought us into this earth and set us into the church, and different things, and we have to be what we are. God by His foreknowledge placed into the church. And I'm so glad of that. **Pressure builds up, and sooner or later it'll--it'll show up on you.** 

LETTING.OFF.PRESSURE\_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY\_ 63-0113M 71 You've got to come up from the ground, up, to stand the pressure of this day. When God puts His big charge of the Holy Spirit in there, you better know what you're doing. You better be ready for it.

Now, if you--if you kind of rebore out something, say, "I tarried all night for a gift," you better be careful. It might explode, see, and it'd backfire.

HEAR.YE.HIM\_ SPOKANE.WA WEDNESDAY\_ 62-0711
E-28 Now, if that gun would have started from the beginning in Weatherby dies, and had been made a Weatherby rifle, it would've never blowed up (See?), because it would've been Weatherby rifle, their same kind of steel made up in their dies, and everything, and come right out into the regular rifle that it should be. But being it was something else, and just not only converted, but was perverted into something, and that's what made it blow up.

And that's the way we find ourselves along the road. We find so many times that people just can't stand the--the pressure it's-of being a Christian is because they have never really died out to self, and be reborned again, made from the dies of God to

stand the load, the pressure that comes against a real Christian.

You try to walk with a real saint of God, and find that pressure hit against you like that, you'll blow up and be back where you was to begin with. But if you've been borned again, and really filled with God's Spirit, then you're pressurized by God to stand the pressure that the world can put against it like that. But it must be that first.