

A Woman's Special Touch

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Dear Friends,

Last month I could not fit in all of Elijah's experiences. The more I have studied his life, the more fascinating I have found it. His major calling seemed to be confronting the kings that had rejected the ways of the Lord, which does not make for a safe and easy life. He had no home, he lived in the wilderness, he had no money or extra clothes, he was hairy, and rarely had opportunity to take a bath, but he was physically strong and traveled hundreds of miles on foot over rugged terrain and hot sandy desert - ravens, angels and a widow fed him. He was a man who heard the word of the Lord and spoke it, whether it was popular or not. When he fled Jereel because Jezebel threatened his life, he was not running from God but to Him. Jezebel had killed many of God's prophets, so this was not an idle threat. He traveled all the way from northern Israel to the southern Sinai Peninsula, where we left him at Mt. Horeb. After an interesting exchange between God and Elijah, God told him to return on the way to the wilderness of Damascus and to anoint Hazael king over Syria and Jehu king over Israel, which came to pass within 15 years, and to anoint Elisha as prophet in his place.

Although Elijah wanted to die at one point, the Lord still had work for him to do. The Lord sent him to confront Ahab again. Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard and offered him another vineyard or money for it, but Naboth said, "The Lord forbid me that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers." Ahab sulked and Jezebel took things into her hands and had Naboth killed. God sent Elijah to confront him in the vineyard and say, "Have you murdered, and also taken possession? In the place where the dogs licked up the blood

of Naboth the dogs shall lick up your blood. And of Jezebel also has the Lord spoken, saying, 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel in the district of Jezreel.' The one belonging to Ahab, who dies in the city, the dogs shall eat, and the one who dies in the field the birds of heaven shall eat.'" 1 Kings 21.

After the death of Ahab, his son Ahaziah becomes king and rules for two years. He also did evil in the sight of the Lord. Having fallen through a lattice in his upper chamber, he became ill and sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron as to whether he would recover.

At the instruction of an angel, Elijah intercepted the messenger, who returns to Ahaziah with the message from Elijah that he would die. Ahaziah sent a captain and 50 men to bring Elijah to him. The captain addressed him, "O man of God, the king said, 'Come down.'" Elijah replied, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." And it did. Another captain and 50 men are sent and the same thing happened. A third captain was sent with 50 men, but he begged for his life and the lives of his men's. Then an angel told Elijah to go with him to the King. Elijah said to the King, "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, but you shall surely die." So Ahaziah died. 2 Kings 1.

In 2 Kings 2 Elijah is taken to heaven in a chariot of fire and horses of fire, and he goes up in a whirlwind. What a way to go!

Much is said about Elijah throughout the Bible.

In Malachi 4:5-6 it states, "Behold I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse." When the angel Gabriel comes to Zacharias in the temple to tell him his prayer has been heard and that he will have a son, he says, "And it is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous; so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

On the mount of Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appear talking with Jesus. After this incredible experience, Peter, James and John inquire, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" Jesus answered, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things; but I say to you that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples understood that He that had spoken to them about John the Baptist. Matt. 17.

Some people are called to bring a message that is more difficult to deliver, those who are not can be grateful. We are not asked to win a popularity contest, but to live a sold out life to God. There will be those who will reject the message and want to kill the messenger, or ridicule or shun them.

During my time at Mount Shasta, a lady shared with me her burden for unsaved family members and their rejection of her. I hope that she and others who are experiencing the same, will take heart from Elijah's life.

Praise & Prayer

KCBC has been airing our program at 8 p.m M-F as well as at 5:45 am. They are also continuing to air it on Sat. at 5 pm.

Thank you for your prayers for the speaking engagement at Mount Shasta. My presentation will appear on the web-site of the Evangelical Free Church of Mount Shasta, under Sunday School. I do not know if they will be showing the pictures of my paintings of the trees or not.

We now have a pack of note cards of the acacia tree, palm trees, & the juniper tree. Two of each in a packet of 6 note cards for \$5. The first group of trees included the olive tree, oak trees, & the willow tree.

Please pray for all of us that have a part in the conference Oct. 22-23, Growing to New Heights and Branching Out.

I have been asked by several women if men could come to the conference. Yes, all are welcome – young and old - men and women – no dogs or monkeys.

Correction concerning the rooms for the conference Oct. 22-23: The rooms with two queen beds are \$95 plus tax. I am sorry for this mistake. Suites with a king and a hideaway are \$125 plus tax. The rooms can be booked through Sutter Creek Days Inn 209-267-9177. Registration for the conference will be \$35. We would greatly appreciate if you could pay your conference registration to AWST soon to help us with the conference expenses. We are excited about the response. The conference will begin on Friday night 7-9 p.m. and continue Saturday until about 3 p.m. The hotel provides a continental breakfast and we will provide lunch.

The radio programs airs on KCBC 770-AM at 5:45 a.m. Mon-Fri in Calif. KFNX 1100 Tues. 8:30 p.m. in Phoenix, AZ. WHR North America/ Europe/Russia, Africa/Middle East, India/China/N.& S. Korea/Japan, Australia/The South Pacific Sat. & Sun. Check the schedule at whr.org. The TV program can be seen on WVCY-TV 30 Milwaukee.

God bless you,
Norma Bonds



Elijah slept under a juniper tree – some translations say broom tree.

Juniper Tree from “Trees of the Bible”
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