



KINGDOM equipping ministries

Pastor Corey's Home Study Notes

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(Hebrews 13:8)

"We Can't See What We Don't Expect"

(1Kings 18:41-46)

⁴¹And Elijah said to Ahab, Go up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of abundance of rain.

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

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

⁴⁴And at the seventh time the servant said, A cloud as small as a man's hand is arising out of the sea. And Elijah said, Go up, say to Ahab, Hitch your chariot and go down, lest the rain stop you.

⁴⁵In a little while, the heavens were black with wind-swept clouds, and there was a great rain. And Ahab went to Jezreel.

⁴⁶The hand of the Lord was on Elijah. He girded up his loins and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel [nearly twenty miles].

People have described Revival in the Church in the following ways:

- God at work restoring his Church back to health.
- Never losing the wonder of it all.
- Returning to that first Love.

Why revival is necessary:

- Drought that Israel went through is symbolic of the church and its present day drought...
- Water is a symbol of life and refreshment...
- **(Psalm 42:1)**

¹As the hart pants and longs for the water brooks, so I pant and long for You, O God.

²My inner self thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

- **(Psalm 63:1-2)**

¹O God, You are my God, earnestly will I seek You; my inner self thirsts for You, my flesh longs and is faint for You, in a dry and weary land where no water is.

²So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary to see Your power and Your glory.

- **(Ezekiel 34:24-26)**

²⁴And I the Lord will be their God and My Servant David a Prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it.

²⁵And I will confirm with them a covenant of peace and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land, and [My people] shall dwell safely in the wilderness, desert, or pastureland and sleep [confidently] in the woods.

²⁶And I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing, and I will cause the showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing [of good insured by God's favor].

We have to ask, "Why isn't the fresh rain falling from heaven on us today more often and regularly?"

Reason #1:

- **We don't have it because we don't pray for it...(v.42)**
- We Pray without Faith
- We Pray without Feeling
- We Pray in a very Formal way
- We Pray to keep the Church going
- Where is the Faith-Filled Thirsty Prayer for Revival?

Reason #2:

- **We don't expect it...(v.43)**
- Note: Elijah said, "Go up now and look toward the sea"
- ...you don't send someone to look for something that you don't believe is there!
- No one has ever really told us what we SHOULD be looking for in the Church, so we come looking: For entertainment, A Husband or Wife, A Good kids program, An awesome Choir, Powerful Preaching, To get our name called.....INSTEAD of the Reviving, Healing, Thirst-Quenching, Life-Changing. Power of God!

Reason #3:

- **We can't see it...(v.43-44)**
- ...The servant came back and told Elijah he didn't see anything.
- Elijah told him to go again 7 times...Never take NO for an answer when God has promised you Something...
- ...He saw a CLOUD...Sometimes you need to get excited about what contains the blessing!
- ...What looks like it's just a cloud can contain what you need: (e.g. Getting fired can lead to a better Job, Heartbreak and Hurt can lead to a better marriage, Sickness and Disease can lead to a Healing ministry in you, Failure in one area can lead to success in another...)
- Not only was the Cloud a problem, but the size of it can keep you from seeing the blessing!
- ...big things can come in small packages... (a big box does not equal a big gift)
- God may not give it all to you at once, but what He gives you is enough!

The question is, "Can we recognize the Blessing when we see it?"

If true Revival is to come, we must:

1. Pray for it
2. Expect it
3. See it

I am thirsty for the Downpour of God's Rain on us!

Pray...Amen.