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**Elijah’s World Conquest (1 Kings 19:12-18)**

Tragedy started when Israel divided into two territories, the South and North, after the death of Solomon. The main factor was political marriages with women from various nations, and their idols were worshiped during Solomon’s final years (1 Kings 11:9-13). **Northern Israel was in a more severe state when Israel was divided.** The first king, Jeroboam, created a golden calf and worshiped it as an idol. Political stability was unestablished due to continuous rebellion, and most kings did not know how to fear God. The people’s faith crumbled, and the nation suffered from continuous disasters and suffering. Eventually, they faced destruction through the Assyrian Empire (B.C. 721). **Was that a problem that only concerned that age? It says that there is nothing new under the sun (Ecclesiastes 1:9). The corrupted history of Genesis 3, 6, and 11 repeats itself.** Genesis 3 signifies a world without God that is centered on mankind. Endless human greed and ambition eventually led Cain and his descendants to destruction. Genesis 6 signifies a world centered on the flesh and materials. Eventually, a Nephilim Age completely covered in darkness is created. Genesis 11 signifies a world where kingdoms are established by being empowered within that. Eventually, the age of the Babel Tower opens where races, tribes, and nations scatter and continuously wage war against each other. **This problem continues in each age. As curses, disasters, and various wars from human greed and corruption deepen, the world is headed towards destruction. How must we live?** Should we follow and adapt to the world to survive? Or must we discard the world? What is God’s will? We are to enjoy the blessings of the gospel, overcome, heal, and revive the world until Christ returns and fulfills the new heaven and earth. These are the evangelism disciples who conquer the world. Elijah in the passage was used this way. During the Wednesday service, we will talk about Obadiah, who became a team with Elijah so that Elijah had no choice but to become who he was.

**1. Who is Elijah?**

He was called from the town of Tishbe in Gilead (1 Kings 17:1). There are three mysteries to him being used by God.

**1) The name Elijah means only “Jehovah (Yahweh) is my God.”**

It means that he was someone who knew why he must only look to God while living in an age of continuous spiritual problems, curses, and calamities due to idol worship. In our terms, he had the answer of only Christ (Acts 4:12).

**① The Lord God sent Christ for the salvation of our lives.**

The three works He carried out with the three authorities as Christ were all related to the problem of idol worship. He solved life’s sins and curses with the authority of a priest. What sin was it? It is a sin that abandoned God and followed worldly things and carnal greed. That is called idol worship (Colossians 3:5). Ge came with the king’s authority that destroyed the works of the Devil that tempted lives and led lives to destruction (1 John 3:8). He came as the true prophet that became the way to know and meet the True God (John 14:6).

**② Christ’s power and authority have now been given to us who are saved.**

We are called a chosen people and a royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9). We are called ambassadors of Christ who represent Him (2 Corinthians 5:20). We are called light towers and antennas that boldly relay and proclaim the mystery of Christ in our fields.

**2) Elijah was truly a person of prayer. He truly enjoyed God’s power and blessings.**

**① The Bible emphasizes that there is working power in a believer’s prayer, and Elijah is mentioned as an example (James 5:15-18).**

It said to pray for yourself and the sick and dying people. We must experience prayer’s power daily and experience God’s deep power in sickness, suffering crises, and calamities. It says that God fulfills great and unsearchable mysterious works (Jeremiah 33:1-3), new works (Isaiah 43:18-19), and greater works (John 14:12).

**② It is because our prayers are brought to the heavenly throne through angels when we pray in Christ’s name (Revelation 8:3-4).**

The three life answers (spirituality), three blessings of the throne (uniqueness), and three unprecedented works (absoluteness) come from that. No matter how difficult and corrupt this age is, we will be victorious, heal, and revive the world when we enjoy this blessing. God sent ravens to provide during a drought, blessed a poor widow, and saved her son (1 Kings 17).

**3) What Elijah did best as he held onto Christ (answer) and the mystery of prayer (power) was fighting a spiritual battle.**

**① We are spiritual soldiers who can fight and overcome our personal spiritual problems, family and children’s spiritual problems, and the field’s spiritual problems.**

(Luke 10:19, Mark 16:17, 1 Peter 5:7-9, Romans 16:20, 1 John 4:4).

**② God tells us to fight against the spiritual problems of this age. That is how we can save America and the 237 nations.**

**What are the spiritual problems of this age? Endless corruption and unbelief persist. Drugs, same-sex marriage, and mental problems are endlessly continuing. Churches are also crumbling (2 Timothy 3:4-5). It is secularism. It is religious pluralism. It means that it is not only Christ. It acknowledges all religions. No. If it is not Christ who came as the Son of God, who died and resurrected, spiritual problems will never end (Matthew 12:43-45). It is a spiritual battle against the three organizations that have seized control of the elites. The New Age movement, Chi movement, and transcendental movement also lead Satan worship. We must destroy the darkness working behind that and fight a spiritual battle that saves them.**

**2. There was the last mission given to Elijah. It is a conclusive blessing we must enjoy looking to the future.**

God’s voice was not within the fire and earthquake but came as a gentle whisper after. This is the blessing of holy meditation. If we meditate on the Word and think about God’s will just a little, we realize God’s voice. That is 24-hour prayer.

**1) A mission concerning Israel and the king of the neighboring nation, Aram, was given.**

He was to anoint them and deliver God’s Will to raise them as king. Remnants must really hold onto the summit’s covenant to save one age. First-generation church officers must raise and save the posterity with the answers and blessings they have received (sharing mission, helping with an internship, having forum).

**2) The mission to raise a disciple who would inherit Elijah’s ministry was given. The person raised through that was Elisha.**

A Korean saying says tigers leave behind their skin while people leave behind their names. Evangelists leave behind disciples. The person with me in the gospel is the disciple. Share the gospel, spend time together and share your center for God.

**3) He was told to find the 7,000 God had left behind. There are people who have been chosen by grace in this age also (Romans 11:4).**

They are people left behind to receive salvation (Acts 13:48). Throughout your life, pray about your evangelism plan and the people to be evangelized around you. You will save the 237 nations and 5,000 people groups, and from within that, the 70 disciples who will save this age together will come forth.

**Conclusion** – We are fighting in an age of intense spiritual battle. May you become true victors and witnesses of blessings that prepare the future.