

## **BIBLE MYSTERY AND BIBLE MEANING OLD TESTAMENT**

### **Lesson 9**

### **Elijah and Elisha Kings I and II**

#### **The Ministry of Elijah**

Elijah (*Elias* – *Matthew 11:14 and Luke 1:17*) was a great prophet. He represented the spiritual I Am of human consciousness. . It was on Mount Carmel, a mountain of very rich soil, that Elijah called all of Israel and conquered the prophets of Baal, lords of the outer realm; that which is formed.

Elijah had become so obsessed in his cause of God that he became violent and destructive. He had allowed his emotions to rule over his mind and spirit. He functioned from the physical plane and allowing that to influence his thinking.

This left him in a state of being untouchable and unable to tap into his deep innate self thereby closing his mind to the fountainhead of God's deep inner Truth. In this state one functions more from the sub-conscious animal soul producing and expressing truth from a greatly filtered self-will consciousness. This produces limitations of a great error. In other words he was of a Jezebel consciousness that blind sighted him from that which he was so passionate about....God!

Elijah's saving grace was that he was still able to be teachable; to be instructed. Despite his carnal approach to serving God, he was still of the I Am. Even a mustard seed of this consciousness is still the divinity of God Omnipresence, Omniscience, and Omnipotence.

This is our blessing of Grace. Our ability to awaken and reawaken as long as we have but even a glimmer of hope in faith; there is no separation. We can tune out from Truth and from Life (God) all we want, but the blessing is that what we are doing is only erroneous thought, not Truth!

This is also a valuable lesson in to this story, which is big part of why Old Testament is so important. That lesson being no matter how evolved we become in divine spirit we are still closed to it. No matter how awakened we are in our daily living we still wear veils that blind us. Even great prophets of God fall short of the mark and continue to have hard lessons to be learned. That is where we need to be most conscious of; lessons to be learned and even relearned.

The Bible is filled with the struggles of men and women, strong in faith, living dutifully in God Mind, filled with Christ expression, and still needing to learn to become less of man and more of God.

Even in the New Testament the struggles of the disciples from Matthew to Paul illustrate this conflict..

We are here to learn and pass on what we learn. This is the whole purpose behind the story of Elijah.

In II Kings 2:1-11 we begin to see these changes. A great prophet who is still teachable and boldly having a regeneration of the self as one with God Life. In his true self Elijah (the spiritual I Am) was the guardian and a great leader of divine law.

Elijah was a mentor to Elisha. However they were both an important influence to each other. In the law of Expression and Law of Attraction both were of the spiritual I Am. It was Elisha's good nature and peaceful ways that brought him to Elijah. In turn it was Elijah's strong leadership that brought him to Elisha. Though one was mentor, they both were each other's teacher.

Elisha was with Elijah when he was taken up into heaven *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. . II Kings 2:11*

Two significant things had occurred at this moment:

1. Elijah needed to be taken by a whirlwind. This was the I Am of Elijah being taken in a state of peace and harmony. The fiery destructive nature of Elijah must be removed, cast out of his erroneous shadows, going forth childlike in God Truth. His ability able to reach this state of being is the Elisha influence; his powerfulness in peace, good natured mildness.
2. Elisha witnessing this beautiful state of divine life, brought forth his prayer request to Elijah; *...And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. 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. II Kings 2: 9-10*

## The Ministry of Elisha

In Elisha God is rich, filling Elisha with salvation and expressing peace so abundantly that many saw him as a savior. He was the man appointed prophet in Israel in good standing following Elijah.

Of such Elisha was of the spiritual I Am. Without the double portion of Elijah's spirit Elisha would have been sorely lacking. His peaceful good nature would not have been enough. He needed the grit and the strength of absolute authority that was of Elijah's God Consciousness. To go forth in the authority of God's will, even of the most peaceful of men, is a necessity. A peace maker and healer is a great strength. It is the meekness of divine courage that attunes us through faith to stand in the absolute knowing that God is at work. *I can of my own self do nothing, I judge: and my judgment is just; because i seek not mine own will, but that of the father which hath sent me. - John 5:30*

In Elisha we see the meekness (strength), humility and faith that is of the Christ Mind. Throughout the Old Testament we see many people having moments of Christ Consciousness. Elisha in many ways was very Christ like and a forerunner in the stories of the Old Testament. Elisha would come into complete fruition of his divine course and destiny in faith.

Elijah had transcended to greater realm of Life in Oneness, coexisting on a plane of infinite unity of which Elisha was attuned to. That part of Elijah was now in the consciousness of Elisha

simply because there is no separation. He was a witness to Elijah attaining unto a higher plane and as such was able to embrace the authority of Elijah's Goodness.

Elisha was able to bring forth on command great works of marvelous proportions. His gentleness and simplicity was likened to Jesus himself. For Elisha was God made manifest here on earth. Jesus was a greater manifestation of God on Earth. Here in lies a witnessing to the evolution taking place over centuries of man becoming more Christ like until the cosmic equation put forth the sum of Christ Jesus. This is the scientific progression of life evolving, becoming more, and reaching new heights and planes. From the seed to the flower, the infant to the man, the root to the crown... it is never ending and always beginning. *Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do...* John 14:12

H.B. Jeffery stated that a healer does not heal. In the stories of Elisha's great works we see that he did not take part in healing but instead directed. In II Kings 5, the healing of Naaman of Syrian, Elisha directed him to bathe in the Jordan seven times. It is in raising our consciousness that Elisha, the healer, becomes in the spiritual realm of our being, the higher consciousness in Naaman. It is here that a quickening takes place.

It was in his moment with Elijah that he witnessed the transcending of Elijah, being in the truth of Oneship, that he gained spiritual sight. Simultaneously evolving into a deeper involution in the awareness of the Truth of Life, and therefore became a master and understood divine law and its principles

As a true master he was a servant to man through God, and in turn served God because he served man as God made manifest. *Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* - Matthew 6:10 *Neither shall they say. Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.* - Luke 17:21

A true master, such as Elisha, knows that God serves all of creation for God is responsible for that which he/she created. We are a part of the All that God created. We are one and of a great potential of a high consciousness that is in the image and likeness of God. All that God is and all that God has, is given freely to us, not just a part of Life but all of Life. For God is Life and Life is God!

The humble servant masters the innate insight to go where the Mother / Father sends them, and does the good works for which they have been sent. Even as Jesus sent His (God's) Word to the Centurion's servant and healed him.

Elisha's work was to restore the empty vessels of mankind that believe in separation. It is in his light that Life is revealed. It is in this revelation that enlightenment takes place and the deep inner knowledge of God, flows easily into the empty vessel filling it with Life/ Truth, removing the shadow of error and its misconceptions misinterpreted as life.

Elisha told the widow to gather all the vessels she could, bring them to her home and shut the door. The house represents our thoughts and expressions, the vessels are to be filled with Truth. shutting of the door symbolized concentration in truth through prayer and meditation. The

widow represents a state of mind that lives in duality/separation. Her faith was restored and *the oil stayed*. Elisha told her to forth and sell the oil to pay off all her debts. The oil symbolizes Life's abundance through God...and through God there is only Truth and through God's Truth all is well!

**Elisha was the salvation of God; the spiritual I Am of mankind.**

**Other great Works of Elisha:**

Divided the Jordan River	2 Kings 2:14
Healed the waters of Jericho	2 King 2: 21-22
Destroyed the mocking children at Beth-el	2 Kings 2:24
Supplied water to allied armies in Moab	2 Kings 3: 16 -20
Brought Shunammite's son back to life	2 Kings 4: 32-37
Made poisoned stew edible	2 Kings 4:38-41
Fed 100 men with 20 loaves	2 Kings 4:42-44
Transformed leprosy to Gehazi	2 Kings 5:27
Made an iron axe head float	2 Kings 6:5-7
Blinded the Syrian army	2 Kings 6: 18 -20
Man resurrected by touching Elisha's bones	2 Kings 13:21

**Assignment**

1. How can you relate within yourself the witnessing that Elisha had of Elijah's transcending to a higher realm of life that allowed him to inherit a double portion of spirit?
2. Pick three of the other great works of Elisha and give your own metaphysical interpretation of these stories.
3. How do you find these stories significant in your daily living?