

So today we'd be studying the **life of Elijah**.

I need 1/2 persons to tell me one thing they know about Elijah. Shoot!!!

answer He called down fire

answer Man of Fire!!

Elijah is one of the most interesting people in the bible. God used him during an important time in Israel's history to oppose a wicked king and bring revival to the land

Elijah, a prophet of God whose name means "my God is the Lord," came from Tishbeh in Gilead, but nothing is known of his family or birth.

His story can be found in 1kings 17-22 and 2kings 1-2

1. Elijah was a prophet- Elijah's message and the meaning of his name go together

He walked, talked, and encouraged others to believe that truly the Lord was God—just as his name purported.

As a prophet he adamantly shared God's message and warnings. Often, both came *under fire.* Sometimes, however, people turned from following false gods and found themselves deep in worship of the Holy One.

1 Kings 18:21 Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!" But the people were completely silent.

1 Kings 18:21 NLT

<https://bible.com/bible/116/1ki.18.21.NLT>

2. Elijah was a man who heard God, his antenna was full of signal.

1 Kings 19:9 There he came to a cave, where he spent the night. But the Lord said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

And he walked in obedience, each time he heard God speak, he did whatever God asked him to..

Multiple times God directed Elijah to speak hard truths,(he was a brave man) trust for provision when circumstances appeared bleak, or stand firm in faith of God's promises being fulfilled. Time and time again, Elijah set the example of loyal obedience to God .

Elijah was a man who experienced God's provision a lot due to obedience.

He experienced God's provision

Elijah drank in God's promises and found his needs quenched by God's hands.

Here are three instances:

Ravens fed him. (1 Kings 17:1-6)

A handful of flour and a few drops of oil multiplied for miraculous sustenance. (1 Kings 17:7-24)

Elijah ran with energy far beyond human capability. (1 Kings 18:41-46)

God's provision displayed powerfully and beautifully in the life of Elijah. These instances and others can easily turn our eyes toward our Father's love, healing, wisdom, and provision as well.

He was a man of Prayer

We see Elijah in communion with God many times throughout the Old Testament. He sets an example for us in our own walk of faith. He stands as a voice encouraging all to grab prayer and be a warrior, to know the LORD is God and follow him.

Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it didn't rain on the earth for three years and six months. James5:17.

Elijah was a Man who Held Belief When Situations Turned Dim

Many times Elijah found himself in the midst of a seemingly dimming situation. But he held belief. When the promised rain had not come yet, he held belief, sending his servant to check the horizon *seven times*. He didn't go once or twice. I believe that if after the 7th time there was no rain he'd have sent the servant back. I see persistency here.

Is there something you've been asking God for? And you're tired already?

Learn from Elijah and be persistent. Hold on to God and His words. If He's said to do a thing just expect it.

Elijah was a man that expected miracles when you pray, have expectations! Don't just pray for praying sake or so you can be "justified" when you "complain".

Pray with an expectation that God will do it.

and just as God promised, it rained.

God's promises remain true for us today.

Elijah was a real person facing authentic, human emotions.

Discouragement is or has been a battle for many of us. Reading Elijah's account reassures we're not alone. Even a prophet, a strong man of faith, a firebrand man faced the torrent of discouragement. But the waters of discouragement failed to overtake him. Our man of faith found God's direction, provision, and correction. He found strength to overcome discouragement.

So it's okay to be discouraged along the way but turn to God and take courage in God.

Still on emotions, In 1 Kings 19 we see Elijah grappling amid the battle with fear. But we also see God. As Elijah *turns focus* to the LORD, the scene changes. The fear Elijah had dissolved.

So yes, Elijah ran in fear, but he also found courage through God.

When fear starts to creep in, turn your focus to God and watch Him come through for you.

An unwelcomed message didn't deter Elijah. He bravely championed God's message and the messages given from Above, even when those messages offered challenges, correction, or bad news for the one

receiving them. He was fearless enough to deliver the messages. He hated evil and he confronted it boldly.

Elijah was Tempted by a Vision

How easy it is to view life through the lens of human vision. We often see situations as they appear, not how they can be, or we simply make assumptions based on circumstances. Elijah was not different.

A vision, focus of the human kind, assured he was the only follower of God left, that everyone else had fallen into worship of the false god, Baal. In 1 King's 19:18, we see mention of 7,000 Israelites who refused to bow a knee to Baal. Elijah wasn't alone as he supposed.

So are you thinking that you're the only one standing for the truth? There are "7000" people that hasn't given in to the devil yet. YOU'RE NOT ALONE!!

In conclusion, Elijah lived a good life, though he had some ups and downs that aren't strange to a human's life, he struggled with typical human challenges, yet he was used mightily of God

He was still for God, even until death before chariots of fire came to carry him into heaven. I'm quite sure we can learn a thing or two from his life.

For us, it may not be through such obvious miraculous displays of might, but, if we are yielded to Him, God can use us powerfully for His kingdom purposes, too.

Thanks for following!!!

: Today in our study

We delve into the **achievements of Elijah**

Gracious Lord, Father of light, we lay it to hear to bless you for the wonderful things you have done for us, we bless you for your unpretentious love to us

Lord Jesus, even as we study your word, breathe on it and let's our eyes and hears be opened, teach us and impact

For in Jesus Matchless name we pray

And the Ladies say....

Elijah was a mighty man of God, in some respects the greatest of all prophets since Moses and until the advent of John the Baptist

We tend to regard to men like Elijah, Moses, Daniel and other O.T *worthies* as men who walked on heights inaccessible to us, but *James 5:17* tells us that Elijah is a man with a nature like yours and mine

he was a man of like passion

However, God had been preparing him all through his early years

Please note that *every experience through which the Lord leads us is a preparation for the further work He has in store for us.*

Waiting time is never a wasted time

God appointed this man of the desert regions to go before kings, bringing the message of warning and repentance. Elijah the Tishbite of Gilead a man like us - a man of similar hopes and dreams, weaknesses and shortcomings, but he was a man of deep faith in God

Elijah was a bold, direct to the point prophet of God

Elijah's sudden appearance upon the pages of the scripture centres upon tremendous announcement he made to Ahab

I kings 17:1

A succession of seven wicked kings had reigned over Israel

Jeroboam

Nadab

Baasha

Elah

Zimri

Omri

Ahab with whom must be linked to his notoriously wicked wife

Worship of the true God had all ceased. Baal worship had become the national religion. Only 7000 Israelites remained true in heart to the Lord, and these were fearful and had hidden their testimony (1 Kings 19:8)

A floodtide of idolatry, superstition and evil had overwhelmed the nation; never had God's favoured nation sunk so low spiritually and morally

Elijah was commissioned by God to perform some very difficult tasks

He announced the drought to Ahab

He declared God's righteous judgement on Ahab and Jezebel in the matter of Naboth's vineyard

we need people of Elijah's courage today!

Elijah's separation from the evil around him was uncompromising

Elijah lived consciously in God's presence and relied upon His strength

His God was the living God; the Covenant of God

Like many of the prophets, Elijah did not seek to be God's messenger, instead, God chose him for the job.

Once called, Elijah did not hesitate to take on the mission, even though it appeared that his life would be threatened by the wicked king.

Elijah's achievements on biblical records are

: 1 Meal and Oil Multiplied

1 Kings 17:14

2 Child restored to life 1 Kings 17:14

3 Sacrifice consumed by fire 1 Kings 17:33

4 Captains and men were slain by fire 2 Kings 1:10

5 Water of Jordan divided 2 Kings 2:8

Elijah proved to the people that it was Yahweh, the God of Israel that's to be worshipped

He proved that there is only one true God to be worshipped

He physically killed the prophets of Baal

He brought to an end drought and the punishment for disobedience

Under God's guidance, Elijah struck a heavy blow against the evil of false Gods

He was an instrument for miracles against Israel's Idolaters

As I conclude...

The world today still has Ahabs and Jezebels. The present age also has it's idolatry.

The shrines of pagan worship may not be as visible in a basically Christian Professing society, and there maybe very few carved images that people actually worship, yet millions are after the god of this world Today's idols can be riches, fame, pleasure and the pleasant sounding fables that occupy the hearts and minds of many who are unwilling and did interested in God

Elijah is considered one of the most important prophets of the Old Testament. He faithfully carried out God's mission in the face of danger and hardship

He was a so singular voice of one crying in the wilderness to rebuke sin in the land and to expose the false prophets and false religions of his day

In Elijah's day, a revival of true worship was begun.

I live us with this...

Elijah's life was devoted to the work of restoring true worship in Israel this really made him to be a notable prophet and it aided his great achievements

What are you devoted to?

Mistakes of Elijah

We all know it's not that easy to take on a new position, especially when your predecessors have done it so well that your boss has so much expectations for you.

: It happened as such for Elisha.

Even after he told the people that God had taken Elijah up, they still conducted a search for his body. Somehow, they either thought he wasn't saying the truth or they Sha wanted his body.

It showed that they yet haven't had respect for his ordainment.

It had to Dawn on them since Elijah was like a Spiritual authority at the time.

And afterwards he had to follow the order of passing it down but unfortunately, Gehazi who was meant to have it, didn't-- because of his greed and rebellion.

After studying this 2 Kings, I realize that the only mistake I found in him was not anointing anyone after

himself to take over.

I also feel that he didn't have a good sense of discipleship in that he didn't bring up his servants so well in spirituals and they all were like babies in the Spirit.

Elisha had to explain everything to them.

Even when they went to the battle field, he had to open their eyes for them again.

So the lesson is, how much to you pour out to your disciples/mentees?

Or do you just leave them hanging like "Go and pray let the Lord reveal it to you".

Sometimes, the Lord has to even reveal it through you but no, you're hoarding knowledge.

Elisha could have had someone to take over from him if he like Elijah did spur up hunger in his servants for the things of God.

Also, as mentees, our mentors shouldn't run after us though.

Ask questions too. Let them explain. Pray for them, they also have to understand leadership and mentorship to help you grow.

Although they had a guild of prophets at the time but it wasn't enough to put someone in his stead.

He was carried away with administrative duties, ministry, etc that he forgot that the word would only move better if he poured unto someone all that God had dealt with him on.

And so one day, he just fell sick and died. Lobatan.

I hope we learnt a lot like I did.

Taking this part for me was pretty hard as I had to do extra studies to get another mistake but I didn't.
LOL

Lord Jesus we thank you for your word that gives life. We pray and trust in you that you help us to understand leadership and shine the light wherever we go that in our absence your kingdom moves.

Thank you Lord for answers.

In Jesus' Name we pray.

Thank you Jesus for this beautiful day. As we delve into your world, please enlighten our hearts. Thanks daddy, much love baba

Tonight I'll be discussing briefly about the **impacts of Elijah** in his environment.

Obviously we know Elijah had a right standing with God. What did he do with it ;

He was always talking to God about his environment. He wasn't the I don't care type. He was very much in charge of the spiritual atmosphere in his time. He was a force to reckon with.

Ahab was the king but Elijah was recognized by all and sundry as the man who dictated the affairs with God.

1kings 17 v 1.

Stuffs were happening in the land, Elijah wasn't Okay with it. I'm sure preceding the very verse one he most likely would have approached Ahab and tried to advise to change his ways to something better. Since he wasn't going to effect a change in the way he governed the nation, Elijah decided to hold their source the rain.

According to my word, there shall not be due or rain and it was so .

That's harsh sha .

What I want us to get here was the aggressiveness this guy had in a bid to ensure the right things are done.

Bringing it to our own land... how do you take the matters of this land. Do you just argue politics and criticise the leaders without taking issues to the one that matters most.

Do you just see the orisiris happening and with your arms akimbo you don't even mind.

Fam, we might not have anything to really effect so much change but at least we can be tabling this matters to God daily intentionally.

This also shows to us that our words really carry weight. Sincerely a lot of us are the reason why we are here. Many have chosen to always speak ill about the land. You rain curses every now n then on both the land and the leaders † ♀. We've forgotten that our words carry so much weight... the power of life and death lies therein.

Can we henceforth choose to speak positivity to this land even in the midst of chaos

Elijah was a man that heard God and so God was able to lead him to a widow because he knew she was about to loose her son.... Elijah through his obedience helped preserve a life

1kgs 17v17-24.

What if he didn't have that capacity, what if he didn't obey. That's how a little boy would have been lost... how many times have we allowed some things happen because of our carelessness.

Like Elijah we should have the capacity such that God can give us instructions to avert stuffs in our environment...

Aremo led us in a prayer sometime about hearing God... it's not only for you , it's also for people surrounding you.

Then it's not just about hearing, obedience is the most important . As minute as any instruction from God can be, obey it to the latter you never know how much it will save you and yours

Elijah single handedly raised a gathering of idolaters and in there showed to them the existence of our God. He made a boast of His God to the people and made a fool of their gods. He wasn't shy nor scared. He talked publicly and despite the desolation of the Land, he was seen by all as a believer... a strong one at that.

Can people in your environment identify you as a believer. Can you walk up to anyone around to talk about Jesus without receiving a bashing because of our conduct.

Don't just profess Jesus, let others see Jesus in you

Elijah put his head under his knees praying for the land that there will be rain.... real torture mehn. But that's to show how interested this guy was in ensuring a sound of abundance of rain

In conclusion, Elijah raised another of his kind before leaving his world.

He raised a mentee and ensured he had all he needed to have a beautiful sojourn..... Elisha

It's not enough to have an enviable life in your neighborhood, what are your plans to assist the younger ones coming. Do you talk to them, do you help out with little cash for these young ones, do you spank them when they do wrong.

I know these things are easier said than done but we should all strive to leave an indelible mark in our neighborhood. Raise people who'll in turn raise others that way we will have a better community.

I'll rest here.

As we all know we've been studying and discussing the life of Elijah

This evening what we are going to look at are ***the morals from the life of Elijah***

Can anyone tell us the ***morals from the life of Elijah***

The lessons learnt from his life

i need about five people to tell us simply what they have learnt from the life of Elijah

I'm waiting because if no one is answering then that means we haven't gained anything from Monday to Thurs during bible study

A: Though I haven't been paying attention to the teachings

Buh one thing I've learnt from him is faith....

1. Faith

Good

A:He had strong faith in God.

He was was a man of prayer He was a courageous man (to have confronted Ahab)

2. Man of prayer

3.courageous man

A:I learnt Consistency in the place of prayer and never to think it's less of myself and what I can do for God

4. Consistency in the place of prayer

5.never think less of yourself and what you can do for God

Good, thank you

The essence of bible study is to understand and emulate the good examples and characters from the word

For those that I've contributed, thank you and God bless you

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In addition to these Elijah is a man who ***believed unapologetically in the power of God***

From his lifestyles all through the books of kings that was recorded about him it showed how he was able to perform lots of miracles that was because he believed in the power of God so well. Like in 1kings chapter 17 where he declared no rain for three and half years and there was no rain, also he transformed the life of the widow of Zarephath and also raised her only son from the dead, this can also be found in 1kings 17 and so many other miracles

According to mark 11:22-23, if you believe and have faith there's nothing impossible unto you

6. Elijah believed unapologetically in the power of God

7. He has a mentoring spirit in as much as this is important some people don't take it serious, as a believer it is important you mentor or lead someone so that you can pass on what God has deposited in you and all the godly teachings you have learnt to another Generation...

Some old virtues are being lost in the church today because some of the elders of old have refused to pass it on down to another generation. God said about Abraham that he knows he would reach these things to his children's children

Elijah had people he was teaching including Gehazi and Elisha..we all know the end of both mentees.....so as mentees too it is important we submit to the right authority and do the appropriate things

If Elijah had not pass on the mantle to Elisha can you imagine how wide the gap Elisha filled after Elijah was gone would have been

8.Persistence Spirit

Elijah was a man who was persistence in all things especially in his prayer life

9. Bold and courageous Elijah was a really bold and courageous man, how he called down fire..he didn't doubt whether the fire would come down but he made the prophets of Baal call on their own gods for three days.....Because he was so sure of the God he serves he was bold and proclaimed Him among everyone including the idol worshippers

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5.never think less of yourself and what you can do for God

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These are some of the morals from the life of Elijah and of course the power of prayer cannot be overemphasized in the life of Elijah

Let me quickly say this, Elijah was a man of Prayer....only a man of Prayer can do such a great thing in his time....we are in the era of grace.

However, a man of Prayer doesn't just happen, it takes consistency and faithfulness in the place of prayer

For you to be called a woman of prayer, then you have to be consistent in the place of Prayer. The bible says about us (the righteous) in James 5:16-18

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

James 5:16 † 18 NKJV

<http://bible.com/114/jas.5.16-18.NKJV>

So when you are a man of Prayer you do great exploits in life, also the place of Prayer makes the presence of the Holy Spirit become evidence in our lives