<u>Year A #39</u>

Elijah : An Example for Handling the Word

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

We are looking, in these last few days, at a story to do with Elijah. When Elijah obeyed God as the servant of God, when he took the Word of God and believed it and acted upon it, others were met and were helped. We have that story even today. You know, there was this dreadful famine in the land and God was using that famine to draw attention to the fact that He was in heaven and He cared for His own, but people were ignoring His provision and how He loved them. As a result, He did many things to let them see that these other gods had no solution and no answer, but only He could individually meet each precious life.

I want you to understand in these days that it is through the Word, as you take that Word daily. That is why we have that little booklet that is being offered free -*<u>Food for Faith</u>*. It will help you to understand how to take the Word and that, every day, you receive directly from the Lord. But I want you also to understand that from these very Scriptures, there is a principle that is being shown. It doesn't matter if the ruler of the land is such as Ahab or Jezebel, evil people wanting to do great harm and causing havoc. The Lord cares and provides for His own; He will not let anything happen unless it is for His glory.

Many years ago in the country of Uganda, there were people who were mightily used of God during some of the worst massacres that have been recorded in history. People saw that out of the evil hour, there was a time when many would be gathered to Jesus. That would be that as people loved not their lives unto death, they would literally see

that with every person they met to glorify the Lord. How long is it that you glorified that Lord and spoke praise of Him? How long is it since you realized that the life that God brought across your path is being brought there by the Lord, that you might not talk about yourself and your accomplishments, but that you might literally be a vessel for Him to touch and reach? For who knows, that person could die tomorrow.
Many a time when I have looked into the eyes of a person, I think, "I will never see that life again this side of Eternity. I want them to know the Lord Jesus." The Lord wants them to know Him, but only those who personally turn and receive the Lord Jesus as their Saviour can be received into heaven. It is not of works; it is not what we have done; we are just like filthy rags before a holy God, but it is what He has done.

Therefore, even out of the worst bestial type of person that God could bring across your path, there is no person better than another to be able to gain salvation. As far as this world is concerned and, of course, the hater of this world, there is a lot of difference. You could stand on the top of Mount Everest or you could be down at the bottom of a terrible, deep coal mine or a metal mine, but you still cannot reach the stars. From either position, wherever we stand: whether we are religious, or whether we are right, or whether we consider ourselves far superior to the other people spiritually, or whether we are down groveling and know we have crime on our hands and we know we have done evil and thought evil things and gone evil ways, the Lord is still saying that it is only by the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, that you can be accepted before a holy God. You see, the Father looks upon the Son. When He looks upon the Son, you are received in Him. No man can earn salvation. That is why we have to receive Him as a personal Lord and Saviour. That is why He is giving you this chance even today. He loves you because He made you for Himself. He doesn't want

Satan to drag you down in this life and when life is over, you are condemned because you said *No!* to Jesus Christ, and you are condemned for a lost Eternity.

Oh, dear, dear, dear friend, don't you realize, it is not only you and me that He is speaking to, but the lives through you and me. He has a plan that is awesome: there are so many lives waiting to hear and to know. Therefore, as you respond, you see behind this timing that in the worst hour of the situation that a person could be in, Jesus can be glorified. That happened in Uganda. Whole churches came into being. There were people who led one after the other to the Lord. In the worst hour of evil, there can be a mighty ingathering for Jesus Christ.

Will you say, *Lord, no longer I, but You. For Your plan and purpose of my life, I make myself available. Through Your Word, I want direction. I love You and I adore You and I want that it should be that You should get all the glory. For life is short down here, but for the time that I have, I ask that there will be incredible lives touched, even the most hopeless and the most amazing lives, through me as I am open to You.*

In Jesus' precious Name. Amen.