

THE LIFE OF

ELIJAH



Prophet in a cave...

- No one does well in a cave...!
 - Lot, 5 Kings (Josh 10), Saul, Elijah... even David
- Elijah hears from God...quietly
- “What are you doing here?”
- Death is easy, focus on the work...

The Tasks of Elijah

- Go, return! (15)
- 3 “jobs”
 - Anoint 2 kings, Hazael in Aram; Jehu in Israel
 - Why? Evil kings for judgement...
 - Elisha as prophet... IN YOUR PLACE???
- 7,000 will be left who are faithful, bad math!

God's Encouragement

- And last becomes first... Elisha
- Wealthy, 12 pairs of oxen!
 - Working with the servants in the field
 - Another day at the “office”, Elisha is content...
 - Elijah crosses and “casts” his mantle/cloak”
 - “Overshadowed” – runs after Elijah...

God Call

- How willing are we to focus and respond...
 - Do we realize when God “marks” us?
 - Father and mother honored...
 - Elijah’s response – “what have I done?”
 - Cook’s a magnificent banquet! – to the people
 - Celebrating the change.. Burning “tools”

Ministry to Elijah

- No one stopped Elisha from going!
 - Here were those who were faithful...
- *sharath* – to assist, attend, serve, take care
 - 2Kings 3:11 - such a title! Or is it?
 - Training and partnership – apart for a time
 - “prophet in your place”

Ahab has his day – Ch 20

- King of Aram + 32 - attacks
 - Ahab gives in to threats! Vs. 4
 - Anything desirable in your eyes vs. 6
 - Another prophet – vs. 13 victory vs. 21
 - Another attack (about a year later) vs. 22
 - Ahab spares the king!?! Vs. 32 **FAILURE!**

Vineyard plots – Ch 21

- Ahab is sulking due to promised judgement
 - Jezebel returns...
- Naboth's vineyard
 - Slander and murdered – Ahab can't wait!
 - Things we think will matter...
 - Elijah's return...

God Finds Elijah

- Vs. 17 – God KNOWS where you are!
 - Everything done is declared in front of Ahab
 - Dogs licking blood!
- Have you found me – enemy!
 - You sold YOURSELF to do evil!
 - Curse upon his line, his wife, even his corpse! (24)

Ahab turns

- Vs. 25, 26 – “no one like Ahab...” evil!
- “tore his robes”
- “Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself”
 - Never doubt God’s ability to charge people!
 - Delayed destruction...