

THE LIFE OF

ELIJAH



A Hard Thing

- The passing of Ministry, different men
- Elisha asks big, Elijah is “up in the air” ...
- Elijah can only give a “sign” ... “If you see me”
- Separated by a chariot, Taken in a windstorm... ‘till another time...

A Hard Day

- Elisha saw it... (12)
- Elisha cries out – “ABBA!!!”
- Tears his own clothing, sorrow and grief
- A mantle fallen...
- “Where is the God of Elijah...”

A Response...

- Elijah's God was powerful, flowed thru Elijah...
- Ravenhill...Where are the Elijah's of God?
- [http://
www.oneplace.com/ministries/leonard-ravenhill/read/articles/where-are-the-elijahs-of-god-16550.html](http://www.oneplace.com/ministries/leonard-ravenhill/read/articles/where-are-the-elijahs-of-god-16550.html)
- Are we willing to be the ones God can use?

ELISHA

the Miracle Prophet



Elisha's "first steps" ...

- Vs. 14 – strike the waters, and they divide!
 - The school of the prophets are watching!
 - Spirit of Elijah... bowed before him...
 - And right away... issues, needs!
 - Bow, but they don't listen! Hmmmmm.....
 - 19 – another miracle purified water...

“Pastoring” prophets

- Elisha is a great example of meeting needs
 - Many miracles are pictures of Jesus...
 - Barrenness, unfruitful
 - Salt to purify water, “new jar” ...
 - Thus says the Lord...

Protecting “heads”

- Going toward Bethel – city of idolatry
 - 42 “youths” (24)
 - Mocked – disdain, strong word
 - Go up, baldhead! (from behind him- 24)
 - Mocked his natural condition, his ministry, his grief over losing his mentor/friend...

Lessons learned?

- W. Alfonso Griffiths
 - It is unwise to persecute God's people
 - Neither age nor station prevent punishment
 - Kind natures can be aroused fiercely
 - We are not deprived of self-defense

A Matter of Ditches – Ch 3

- Ahab's son becomes king – Jehoram
 - Lessens the evil, but "clung to sins" of Idols
 - Moab rebels; Judah and Israel unite with Edom? (9)
 - Looking for water, 7 days
 - We are doomed! (10)
 - Isn't there a prophet of the Lord here???

The “water pour-er”

- Defines Elisha’s ministry – humble, willing
- Look at vs. 12 – Jehoshaphat knows!
- Elisha’s response – for Judah’s sake
- Wisdom in worship (15)
 - He was disturbed by Israel’s sins
 - Focused his mind, heart – God’s Hand

Go dig holes!

- When God moves:
 - No wind, no rain, yet water for all!
 - A “slight thing”
 - And the Moabites? They are yours! JUDGEMENT!
 - Prayer time - And the water comes... flash flood!
 - ...and with it, victory!