

## Sabbath School Lesson #13 – Turning Hearts in the End Time – 22-28 June 2019

**C**hrist would have us, in this sealing time, do the work of Elijah while His mercy lingers for us. “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse” (Malachi 4:5-6). Will you be an Elijah in these last days? God forbid you will be an Ahab! Let the Elijah turn the hearts of today’s Adventists to the hearts of our Adventist pioneers.

The first part of the Elijah message was that because Israel was serving Baal (includes any false doctrine concerning the Father and His Son) the latter rain would not fall (1 Kings 17:1). Have we as a people wondered why the latter rain has not fallen with power among us? But we as a people have joined ourselves to a doctrine concerning the Father and Son that is not what the scriptures reveal. And we have inadvertently joined ourselves by this doctrine to Jezebel a woman (church) of the world and are thus worshipping modern Baal.

The parallel of the time of Elijah in Israel and our time in Adventism today is strikingly shocking! Yet the trinity as the parallel to Baal is the Elephant in the room few dare point out! Whilst the first Commandment clearly says, “Thou shalt have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3), sadly, many Adventists suppose that to have a wrong doctrine concerning God and His Son, to worship the trinity gods, is not having other gods, and therefore they keep silent about it! Do you think that Elijah would keep silent while Israel worshipped Baal? Must Elijah today keep silent while Adventists worship the trinity gods that our Adventist pioneers rejected? The work of Elijah today is to turn the hearts of today’s Adventists to their non-trinitarian Adventist pioneers in the worship of the true God. In this sealing time, the Elijah must call fellow Adventists from the worship of the trinity gods (the modern Baal).

The second part of the Elijah message begun with a decree from the Lord to Elijah for him to go and show himself to Ahab (1 Kings 18:1-2). Ahab accused Elijah of causing trouble in Israel (Kings 18:17). Ahab rejected the message and messenger as being from God, and he attributed the rain being withheld to Elijah who was following God’s directions. In our time, when the message of the truth concerning God is sent to us as a people, shall we will reject the message and accuse the messengers as causing trouble in Adventism?

The people gathered at Mount Carmel, Elijah gave them the opportunity to accept the truth concerning the true God, and to reject Baal, but “the people answered him not a word” (1 Kings 18:20-22). This sad history is repeated today. Many Adventists, when shown that the trinity doctrine denies the Son of God and rejects God as His Father, they sit silently in fear of our Church leaders who are worshipping the modern Baal instead of Jehovah.

If you have allowed God to use you as the Elijah, do you, like Elijah, feel like you are the only one that has remained faithful to God and not worshipping the trinity gods? Have you ever felt like you were alone in this message? Where is the voice of the people? Like Israel of old, most are hung up between two opinions. Most Adventists say they believe that Jesus is the Son of God and yet accept the trinity doctrine that denies what they profess to believe.

The heart of the second part of the Elijah’s message is to help people see that they are hung between two opinions. If we are to be true followers of God, we must follow the example of Elijah and set the truth before our Seventh-day Adventist Church, and then before the world. Elijah called the whole of Israel and rebuilt the altar (1 Kings 18:30-31). Let the Elijah call all Seventh-day Adventists to the worship of the true God. Remember that our Adventist pioneers rejected any concept that denied the actual Son-ship of Christ.

The third part of the message of Elijah is that the outpouring of the latter rain will occur on individuals. But first the people must be called to study the truth about the personality of the Father and His Son, and reject the trinity gods. Fear not the leaders of our Church, like Ahab, who remain joined to the trinity gods. When God is worshiped as He really is, He will pour out His Spirit. After Elijah called Israel to the truth, they repented (1 Kings 18:39-41). Even though Ahab remained joined to Jezebel and idolatry, he could no longer prevent the rain from falling on those who cried “The LORD, He is the God; the LORD!” The leaders of our Church may reject returning to the faith once held by our Adventist pioneers, they may cling to the trinity gods, but the latter rain will fall on those who repent of spiritual idolatry.

The final work of Elijah is being done. The sure word of prophecy has revealed this to be a sobering reality. It is time for the Elijah to turn the hearts of today's Adventists to their Adventist pioneers who were non-trinitarians. The only question for those who have been given the solid platform of truth is: 'will you be the Elijah?' If done in the selfless love of Jesus, the Elijah who sounds the call today will also sing the song of Moses and the Lamb!

As you continue doing the Elijah work in this sealing time, using whatever means that the Lord places into your hands, "I would not have you ignorant" (1 Corinthians 12:1) in regards to the cost of doing the Elijah work. By absorbing a Baal worship from the nations Israel's hearts were alienated from God. Modern Baal worship is the trinity doctrine. Proclaiming the Elijah message is costly, but that cost is nothing compared to the joy of saving souls.

You have an Elijah message. Learn from the first Elijah that when it gets tough, do not give up or go hiding, lest the Lord ask you, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" (1 Kings 19:9, 13). The Lord had sent Elijah to Israel to turn their hearts to God, but the Lord had not sent Elijah on a flight into the wilderness, and so the Lord asked him: What are you doing here?

You have the Elijah message, you know that our fellow Seventh-day Adventists are worshiping modern Baal of the trinity gods, the sealing is about to finish and they cannot be sealed while they worship Baal, yet if you are not actively engaged in the Elijah work to call our brothers and sisters to the worship of the only true God, because Satan has succeeded in silencing you, the question is addressed, "What doest thou here?" 'I commissioned you to go and tell fellow Seventh-day Adventists about the only true God, to prepare a people for the sealing. Why are you silent?' You will suffer in doing the Elijah work, there is a cost, but what is that cost compared to the joy of saving even one fellow Seventh-day Adventist? The joy set before Christ, the joy that sustained Him through sacrifice and suffering, was the joy of seeing sinners saved. This should be your joy, the spur to your ambition. You need to allow Christ to move you to compassion as you see the moral and spiritual destitution of thousands of fellow Seventh-day Adventists who are under the shadow of a terrible doom because they worship modern Baal, and any ridicule or disfellowship or even physical suffering that you may have to endure in doing the Elijah work will fade into nothingness.

Fear God and give Him glory by doing the Elijah work. If you fear to teach the present truth, if you fear to show those in your sphere of influence that trinity is Baal worship, you fail to fear God. If you fear disfellowship, you will retain your membership in earthly Church books at the risk of losing your membership in the heavenly book of life. The fear of God turns the fear of disfellowship out of mind; there is no room for the fear of disfellowship where this great fear of God is; the fear of God being greater than the fear of disfellowship, it disturbs not, but rather the fear of God brings as great peace as the fear of disfellowship only brings trouble in the mind. "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them" (Psalm 119:165). Fear God, not men, and do not fear disfellowship, for membership while souls worship Baal is worthless. But not all will suffer disfellowship.

Do not delay sharing the Elijah message. Those Seventh-day Adventists who are not sealed will at Sunday Law fail the final test. They must be awakened now. If you are waiting to have every obstacle removed, the sealing will soon be over, at Sunday Law it will be too late for many fellow Seventh-day Adventists who are worshiping modern Baal of the trinity.

It cost Elijah; he had to ran for his life before the rage of an infuriated woman. A woman represents a Church. The trinitarian Church leaders may come too hard on you and even disfellowship you. It was so bad for Elijah that he became a fugitive, bitter disappointment crushing his spirits, to the point that he asked that he might die. If you ever be tempted to give way to despondency and distrust, the experience of Elijah of Mount Horeb should bring hope and courage in the assurance of God's watchful care, His love, and His power. It was when hope was gone, and his life-work seemed threatened with defeat, that Elijah learned one of the deepest lessons of his life. In the hour of his greatest weakness he learned the need and the possibility of trusting God under circumstances the most forbidding. Never would Heaven forsake him while he maintained his integrity. To wait patiently, to trust when everything looks dark, is the lesson that you urgently need to learn. Heaven will not fail you in the day of adversity. Nothing is apparently more helpless yet really more invincible than the soul that feels its nothingness and relies wholly on God. The God of Elijah is our God.