

Elijah

Text: James 5:17

Introduction

Elijah was a man with great faith. He was also a man with weaknesses like all men. He dealt with his weaknesses in God's power, became victorious, and was an effective instrument of righteousness in God's hands.

Message

1. A man of prayer (James 5:17).

- a. Prayer is a communication with God.
- b. Prayer is a time when God talks to us.
- c. Prayer is sweet fellowship with God.
- d. Prayer strengthens the child of God.

2. A man of purpose (1 Kings 18:17–40; Philippians 3:7–10).

- a. Earthly man asks, "What can I do to preserve the human race?"
- b. Spiritual man asks, "What can I do to advance the kingdom of God?"
- c. Our purpose is to live for and serve the Lord.

3. A man of Like passions (1 Kings 19:3,4; James 5:17).

- a. Elijah faced the same emotional, mental, and psychological problems man faces today.
- b. He dealt with those problems with God's help.
- c. Jesus will give us rest as we go to Him (Matthew 11:28).

4. A man of possibilities (Mark 9:23; Luke 1:37).

- a. He believed and obeyed the Lord.
- b. Believing and obeying will result in possibilities that become realities.
- c. Understanding our purpose for being helps us realize "all things are possible to those who believe."

5. A man of the "parousia" (2 Kings 2:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16,17).

- a. Elijah was "caught away."
- b. A type of rapture of the saints.
- c. All Christians will be raptured when Jesus returns.

Conclusion

As Christians follow these characteristics of Elijah, they will become victorious and will become more effective instruments for the advance of God's kingdom.

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