

## **Broken Altars Or Broken Vessels**

And Elijah said unto all the people, "Come near unto me." And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down.

(I Kings 18:30).

One man challenged the 450 false prophets of Baal. How do you like those odds? What would have happened if there were 100 who challenged the prophets of Baal?

One man and God are always in the majority. One man, filled with the Spirit of God, could rid our society of paganism and start a Holy Ghost revival throughout our land.

Elijah was not a cut above the normal. He never graduated from a notable college. He did not wear fine clothes. He was a rugged man, a man of the country. He was a man with a thunder in his voice and a tempest on his brow.

He approached on the scene of history at the time Israel really needed a prophet.

Jezebel had set up golden calves in the north and south of Israel. Baal worship was scattered throughout the land. Sex orgies were common with Baal worship. Children were sacrificed through the fire to Baal. The altar of Jehovah was broken down. Israel was returning to paganism.

Jezebel had 450 of her prophets who sat at her table; they promoted the doctrine of devils.

We have preachers today who are sitting at Jezebel's table. They are promoting doctrines of devils.

Materialism can be found at Jezebel's table.

Gossip can be found at Jezebel's table.

Politics can be found at Jezebel's table.

Formality can be found at Jezebel's table.

Why do God's preachers of today enjoy sitting at the table of Jezebel?

Preachers are sitting at the conference table.

Preachers are sitting at the dinner table.

Preachers are sitting at the banquet table.

Preachers are sitting at an empty table.

The times are calling for an Elijah, a true prophet of God. Many organizations today are a Non-Prophet organization.

We need a prophet who is unafraid of the President.

We need a prophet who is unafraid of Congress.

We need a prophet who is unafraid of the Governor.

We need a prophet who is unafraid of the Mayor.

We need a prophet who is unafraid of public opinion.

We need a prophet who is not bound by organizational chains.

Where are the Elijah's of God?

How long halt ye between two opinions, if God is God, follow Him, if Baal

is God, then follow him. If Jesus is God, follow Him, if Satan is God, then follow him.

Build an altar to your God, and let the God that answers by fire, let him be God.

All day long the prophets of Baal called on their God, "Baal, Oh Baal, send the fire." No fire came. They jumped on the altar and cut themselves with knives.

False worship will always leave you cut, bruised, and broken. False worship will always leave you exhausted and empty handed. False worship will never satisfy your soul, no matter how much you pray.

At the time of the evening sacrifice, Elijah stepped forth, and rebuilt the altar of Jehovah that was broken down.

We have a lot of broken altars in our society today. This is the root cause of all our problems. We have left the altar of God. The Bible lies dusty on the shelf. The Bible is the only book in the world that lies, it lies unopened on the shelf.

If our generation is ever going to have a revival, we must rebuild the altar of God. We must rebuild it in our homes, in our schools, in our churches, and in our Congress.

The church sits by and lets one Jezebel take prayer out of school. One Jezebel challenges the prophets of God. She has many of her false prophets running around today.

It's time to rebuild the altars today in the presence of the people.

It is time to pray in the homes.

It is time to pray in the churches.

It is time to pray in the schools.

It is time to pray in the City Hall.

It is time to pray in the State Senate.

It is time to pray in the Congress.

We do not need bedtime prayers, "Now I lay me down to sleep." We need prayers that will move mountains, stir the devil, and shake the glory world.

"If my people, which are called by my Name, shall humble themselves and <u>pray</u> and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from Heaven, and will <u>forgive</u> their sin, and will <u>heal</u> their land" ( II Chronicles 7:14 ).

We do not need broken altars today, but we need broken vessels. Our hearts need to be broken before the Lord.

"And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder" (Matthew 21:44).

Those who humble their hearts before the Lord will find salvation, those on whom the stone falls, will grind them to powder. Christ, the Stone of Israel, will fall on the nations and grind them to dust.

I don't want a broken altar in my life, but I want a broken vessel before the Lord.

It was the time of the evening sacrifice, as Elijah stepped forth to rebuild the altar of the Lord.

It is evening time upon our generation. The sun is sinking low on our world of sin.

Here comes the prophets of God!

Look out Jezebel!

Look out paganism!

When Elijah repaired the altar, laid the sacrifice, poured the water, prayed a prayer, then the fire fell.

The altar speaks of repentance.

The sacrifice speaks of our heart before God.

The water speaks of baptism.

The prayer speaks of dependence upon God.

The fire speaks of the Holy Spirit.

The fire burnt the sacrifice and licked up the water around it. The people fell on their faces and cried, "The Lord He is God, the Lord He is God."

God will pour out His Spirit today if we would repair the broken altars in our lives.

The devil will be defeated when prayer is brought back into our society. Our nation will be blessed when men will repent and pray.

America is on a collision course with Hell. The bloodhounds of Hell have been let loose on our society.

David said, "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Psalms 141:2).

Lift up your hands, Oh ye people, it is the time of the evening sacrifice. Rend your hearts and not your garments. Repair the altars, and be broken before God, or be ground to powder in His wrath.

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