

Watching and Learning

There are two ways to learn the important lessons God is teaching us. We can pay attention to God's Word and God's people OR hard experiences can teach us in painful and costly ways. Elisha's early ministry urges us to learn from the former.

Scripture(s): 1 Kings 21:1-9, 17-24; 1 Kings 22:29-40; 2 Kings 1:1-16

Remember this - God's faithful people should listen with _____ every time God's Word is opened or lived out before us.

I. The first event in the early ministry of Elisha with Elijah that prepared him to faithfully follow God is a horrible abuse of _____. It may appear that no judgment comes upon the powerful when they abuse others, but God's people never forget that judgment is _____.

Luke 12:1-5 1 Under these circumstances, after so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2 But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. 3 Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops. 4 "I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!"

II. The second event in the early ministry of Elisha with Elijah that prepared him to faithfully follow God is the ascension of the _____ king. What appears to us to be mistakes in God's plan are the very vehicles through which God _____ His mighty plan.

Acts 1:6-8 6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

III. The third event in the early ministry of Elisha with Elijah that prepared him to faithfully follow God is God's protection amidst _____ odds. God's people must be prepared to be people of uncommon _____. We do this by believing in the face of any opposition that our God _____ for us.

Romans 8:31-32 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Our challenge: Become a true disciple of Jesus by becoming an active _____ and not a mere _____ to the Word.

How will you say yes to the call to learn from God's Word and God's people?

What Scripture calls you to do so?

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