

## Persevering in an Apostate World: The Life and Ministry of Elijah and Elisha

### Week Five – Opposition, I Kings 19:1-8

#### 1. Review

- a. We persevere only in Spirit-wrought, holy indignation toward sin informed by and subject to inward grace tethered to the sovereignty of God—Biblical piety (fear of the Lord). (I Kings 18:18)
- b. In an apostate world, Godly men and women will not be in the majority. Know where you stand; and stand there! (I Kings 19:20-21)

*12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, 13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. 14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. (Heb.5:12-14)*

- c. Rely only on gospel tools! (I Kings 18:30-40)
- d. *My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to your word! Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law! I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your rules before me. I cling to your testimonies, O Lord; let me not be put to shame! I will run in the way of your commandments when you enlarge my heart! (Psalm 119:28-32; cf. I Kings 18:41-46)*
- e. Moderate your expectations in this life as you rest in the unfailing provision that is yours in Christ. (I Kings 18:17)

*9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. 10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. 11 To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, 12 and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; 13 when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.*

*14 I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to **admonish you** as my beloved children. 15 For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 16 I urge you, then, be imitators of me. (1 Corinthians 4:9-16; cf. 1 Peter 2:21-25)*

## 2. Jezebel's Opposition (I Kings 19:1-2)

### a. What is the context into which Jezebel appears?

#### 1. I Kings 16:30-33

*When the Lord your God brings you into the land that you are entering to take possession of it, and clears away many nations before you, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations more numerous and mightier than you, hand when the Lord your God gives them over to you, and you defeat them, then you must devote them to complete destruction. You shall make no covenant with them and show no mercy to them. You shall not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, for they would turn away your sons from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the Lord would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. (Deuteronomy 7:1-4)*

#### 2. 2 Corinthians 6:14-15

*14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?  
15 What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? (cf., 1 Corinthians 7:12-16)*

### b. Jezebel's Threat (2)

## 3. Elijah's Flight

### a. ... he was afraid ... (3)

### b. The prophet's pliant (4)

### c. The Lord's provision (5-8)