



## THE NEED FOR TRAINING

- Every job needs some training
- This is also true for prophets.
- 4 of Elijah's early lessons
  1. The need to preach the word
  2. The need for prompt obedience
  3. The Divine provision of needs
  4. The need of privacy for maturity

## THE NEED TO PREACH THE WORD

- It appears this was a lesson Elijah had already been taught
- Leonard Ravenhill spoke of the need for Elijahs
- Preachers make pulpits famous, Prophets make prisons famous
- This is so crucial today for all
- This also applies to any follower of Jesus

## THE NEED FOR PROMPT OBEDIENCE

- Our response in obedience is indicative of whom we are trying to please.
  - Dogs are like that
  - Lot's wife showed that
- Our response in obedience is indicative of our faith and trust in our God
  - Elijah showed that by going and speaking to Ahab; "Before whom I stand"
  - Going to Cherith would have been an easier command to obey.



## THE NEED FOR PROMPT OBEDIENCE

- “There” he was to hide and be fed
- He was told to go “home”.
- The word Cherith means “to cut”
- It would be like being told to go hide in the Johnstone Creek area
- Would Elijah have been fed if he thought he knew of a better spot to hide?
- Elijah only received his second command when the first command had been completed

## THE DIVINE PROVISION OF NEEDS

- This is the result of prompt obedience
- I will provide for you “there”
- Vs.5 so he went and hid and vs.6 the ravens brought
- Elijah was learning to “Trust and Obey”
- Trusting God is done 1 day at a time
  - Went to Ahab not knowing the next Step
  - Went to Cherith not knowing the future
  - Watched the brook dry up not knowing how he would survive
- We must learn to Trust God one day at a time

## GOD USES ISOLATION TO DEVELOP MATURITY

- God wants us to be totally dependent on Him
- Palace to Desert
- Are we willing to be set aside to grow?
- Its seems to be a Pattern God uses
- Joseph, Moses, John the Baptist, Paul, Jesus
- God loves to get a person alone so they can focus and listen
- Jesus often went alone to pray
- Is God teaching you in these days of isolation?
- Are you taking time to listen in God’s Training School?