



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?