

How's your soul? Part 3

Summary

Is the voice of Jesus the greatest voice in your life? This week we learn how detrimental it is to seek false idols and allow the wrong voices to reign in our hearts rather than the voice of Jesus. Grief and loss do a good job of highlighting where our soul is anchored. If our soul is anchored in our jobs, relationships, finances, and in other worldly areas, we see our world, and later our souls, crumble when those things crumble too. We are then left to wander for what our soul can latch onto next. It's a cycle destined for destruction. If our anchor is in Jesus, although that does not eliminate the pain, we are reminded that the pain will eventually end. In Jesus there is victory.

1 Kings 18:20-40

In this week's scripture, we follow a portion of Elijah's life during the time of King Ahab. Elijah was a prophet of God tasked to call out the idolatry towards Baal. Elijah asks the people of Israel and the prophets gathered at Mount Carmel why they go on limping between two different opinions; Between their worship of God and their worship of Baal. For us, Baal could be anything we put before the Lord. Do we serve God or do we serve something we've created? Do we serve the Lord, the God of the Bible, or do we serve ourselves?

During this time, there had been a three-year drought and in today's passage, we see the proposition Elijah brings to the table to put Baal to the test. We then see God show up in His mighty wonder through fire to reclaim the glory that has always been His. Elijah then proceeds to single-handedly kill all 450 of the remaining prophets of Baal.

1 Kings 19:1-8

In this passage of scripture, we saw Elijah flee for his life after getting word that queen Jezebel would be sending someone to kill him. Elijah went from his experience with God on Mount Carmel to being fearful and fleeing for his life into the wilderness. If Elijah can find himself in a place of feeling low and defeated it's safe to say that we can find ourselves in a similar place. Have your hopes been dashed? Have what you wanted for your family not come to fruition? Have your dreams been trampled on? Have you felt pain and hurt that brings you to a place of feeling stuck?

Elijah finds himself in the wilderness sleeping under a broom tree with the wish of death. When Elijah thought he couldn't possibly go on any longer, an angel of the Lord woke him and presented him with food and water before saying "arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." Here we see the provision of the Lord come forth at the perfect time. This is a reminder to anyone who feels weary and broken.

This weeks' four observations

1. Only God is worthy to be trusted with your soul.
2. Even when supplies and resources are limited, God will provide.
3. Experience to experience doesn't mean your soul is healthy.
4. The only thing that begins to heal our soul is the voice of God. Put yourself in a position to hear the Lord. Allow His words to speak louder than anything else.

Reading for further study

1 Kings 19:10-18

Questions for further study

1. What does the scripture from this week say about God and His character?
2. What is something you put before Jesus in your life?
3. What are you oscillating between?