

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

TRUSTING AND RESTING IN GOD

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PART 4: RECOVERING FROM FEAR

ELIJAH SUFFERS FROM FEAR

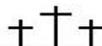
When most Christians read the account of Elijah's victory on Mount Carmel, it is puzzling and hard to understand how he could just melt and run after he received the death threat from Jezebel in which she promised that he would be dead in 24 hours. **1 Kings 19:1-2**

ELIJAH RECOVERS FROM FEAR

- God did not reject Elijah because of his fear. God had a plan for Elijah and He knew that Elijah needed to be rebuilt in his faith. The apostle James addressed this problem of fear and how God will deal with it. **James 1:1-5**
- Elijah ran for his life out of the Northern Kingdom into the Southern Kingdom of Judah. **1 Kings 19:3**
- As a servant of the Lord, Elijah knew that if he left the ministry, there was no other option but to die. **verse 4**
- God is merciful and slow to anger; He knew how to treat His defeated servant. Because of the coming journey into the wilderness, God knew that He needed a nourishing meal. The food that the angel prepared was a supernatural meal but prepared by ingredients grown on this earth. **verse 5-8**
- There are ingredients from plants on this earth can be made into extra-nutritional food. When God fed the people in the wilderness, they ate "manna" which was not from this earth. **Exodus 16:4-15.**
- When Jesus fed the multitudes, the ingredients He used were from this earth. **Matthew 15:32-38**
- God wanted to bring Elijah to a place of solitude, where He could minister to him with no disruptions. **1 Kings 19:9**
- Elijah had the opportunity to speak and unload his burdens to the Lord. **verse 10**
- God was not in the wind, the earthquake, or in the fire; God wanted to display His power before He spoke with a soft voice to his servant. **verses 11-12**
- Again, Elijah had the opportunity to unburden his heart before the Lord, who then gave him a new assignment. **verses 13-18**

WHAT TURNED ELIJAH AROUND?

1. He found out that God could give him supernatural food which no idol god could match.
2. He found out that God did not reject him and cast him away.



3. He saw a power display that no demon god could match.
4. He experienced the deep love of God when God spoke to him in a small soft voice.

A PERSONAL REVELATION FROM GOD

On November 26, 2005 at 4.30 a.m., I was awakened by God as He began to speak to me in thoughts. I had been praying and seeking God to show me more about the prophet Elijah, his breakdown in faith, and then his recovery. Here is what was pointed out to me:

1. I am a spiritual being (soul and spirit) living in a physical world. When I move around on this earth (i.e. performing work), there are two forces I need to overcome, *gravity* and *friction*. God has given each human being a limited supply of energy by which these forces can be overcome so that travel and work is possible.
2. No man on earth can really explain electricity, we know it is a charge, but what the charge is, no one knows. We know how to produce it and use it. We even have mathematical formulas to calculate and build equipment to use it. Water, oil, natural gas, coal, and nuclear reactors are all used in producing electricity.

In order to create electricity there must be a powerful magnetic field, which is created by powerful electric magnets. In this field, there rotates a large wired rotor which when it cuts through the magnetic field, electricity is formed and sent out over transmission lines. Transmission lines can carry up to 200,000 volts, but if the transmission line is hit with a tree or grounded in any way, the entire transmission system is shut down and there is a blackout.

There is no more powerful force in the universe, than *the power of God!*
 There is only one thing that can shut off this power, fear! ***Fear will ground the transmission lines from heaven and shut it all down; fear is Satan's most potent power!*** 1 John 4:16-21

3. *Obedience, Holiness and Forgiveness* will create a spiritual magnetic field which will produce ***faith and the power of God in the life of a Christian!***
4. ***Jesus has all power in His possession! He is willing to share that power with His disciples!*** Matthew 28:18-20; John 15:1-14
5. People in the world do not want to submit to Jesus to gain spiritual power. They want to live a sinful life but yet have power in the spirit world. Satan is offering a counterfeit spiritual power which requires no repentance from sins. The power is free but the final cost is eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire. **Revelation 21:8, 22:15**

God has issued a spiritual law that forbids people on earth from trying to enter the spirit world. Man is to live and work in the physical world, walking with God and letting God use His power through man. There is a death sentence on any violator! **Exodus 22:18; Deuteronomy 18:9-13**

Do you have an ear to hear with?