Week 7: The Ministry of Elijah

The Ministry of Elijah: 1 Kings 18-19

Objective:

- Elijah's Message to Ahab
- Elijah's Mount Carmel Victory
- Elijah Escapes from Jezebel
- Elisha Follows Elijah

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

Reading:

- 1 Kings 18:19-46
- 1 Kings 19: ALL

Key verse(s):

- "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." 1 Kings 18:21

Comments:

- Elijah faced the priests and defeated them in front of the people.
- This was not a personal matter, but Elijah wanted to prove that the Lord God is the true God (18:37)
- He asked them to keep adding water so that they can't deny the strength of the miracle.
- Elijah prayed seven times for the rain. He never lost hope or faith in God. This teaches us to never stop praying until we hear/see God's response.
- After this glorious day, Elijah lost hope and was scared of Jezebel. He is a human and felt weak for a moment.
- Elijah and Moses only in the OT fasted for forty days and forty nights.

- God never left him alone to his thoughts, He came and supported him.
- He told God he is the only prophet who believes in Him, but God told him that reserved seven thousand in Israel.
- We see God telling Elijah to bring Elisha to be his disciple so he can carry the service after Elijah.

Review/recap questions:
**Servant may add more questions

1. How did Elijah challenge the prophets of Baal?
2. How did Elijah show the people that God is the real God?

Homework:
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1. Whose sacrifice was accepted?
   a)<u>Elijah's sacrifice</u> b) the prophets of Baal c) Ahab d) a and b
2. Who woke Elijah and gave him to eat and drink?
   a) Jezebel b) Obadiah c) <u>an Angel</u>
3. Who became the prophet after Elijah?
   a) Hazael b) Jehu c) Samuel d) <u>Elisha</u>