

The Spirit of Elijah

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Scripture References: I Kings 18:41-45, Malachi 4:5-6, I Cor. 12

In 2005 the Lord gave me a revelation regarding Elijah that I preached in two 90 minute messages at our church in Montana titled *The Spirit of Elijah*. Most Christian theologians believe John the Baptist fulfilled Malachi 4 because of Jesus' comments to His apostles regarding John; however, as the Lord showed me when preparing these messages from the Word that they did not dig deeply enough into the Word to discover that the *Spirit of Elijah* must also return in the Last Days. Therefore, John the Baptist only fulfilled the first half of the prophecy given in Malachi 4:5.

Clearly Jesus recognized that John, His *cousin*, was a fulfillment of the *coming of Elijah*. He says so in Matthew 17:11-12 but just as Jesus' coming to earth is in two parts so is the spirit of Elijah. John the Baptist was the *forerunner* in the spirit of Elijah to Jesus the Lamb of God and also there will be a forerunner to the Second coming of Jesus as the Lion of Judah who will set up God's earthly Kingdom at the fulfillment of Rev. 11:15. This second Messianic coming of Jesus is the one the Jews have been looking for since the time of Moses' prophecy. And it's clear from the Scriptures that they will *recognize* Jesus as that promised *Messiah* in the Last Days. Praise the Lord! And so "all Israel shall be saved" as the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans.

If you're interested in the spirit of Elijah teaching and revelation then I'd suggest you order the messages from our online bookstore, but in this teaching the Lord's focus on a truth is different – I want to ask you an *Eye of the Eagle* question. In I Kings 17 Elijah just appears out of nowhere – nothing is said about him or his family previously – to stand before a wicked, apostate king of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

No doubt King Ahab thought he was nuts; not only by his dress – a leather girdle – which was quite uncommon but even more so by what he said, “There shall not be dew nor rain these years but according to my word.” Now it’s important to understand exactly what Elijah said because he wasn’t prophesying here was he? He told Ahab that he, Elijah, would control the rain and dew through his words! Ahab ignored Elijah until he saw that his words were true for over three years!

Now that’s a strong hint to you for the answer to the *Eye of the Eagle* question I mentioned asking which is found in I Kings 18:43 and is, “Why did Elijah tell his servant to ‘Go up now, look toward the sea’ seven times?”

The Third Pull

The Third Pull is a term I got from William Branham when I was studying his life back from 1999-2004. The Angel of the Lord worked with Brother Branham in ministry and is the main reason Brother Branham had what he called “the gift of discernment”; however, it was actually an operation of the Word of Knowledge and Word of Wisdom instead of what many people mistakenly call “discernment” meaning the Gift of Discerning of Spirits.

I first became interested about Branham back in the ‘70s through Gordon Lindsay the founder of Christ For the Nations in Dallas who used to be his campaign manager. Brother Lindsay wrote a book about Branham in the ‘70s.

An interesting aspect about the revelation gifts is that they often reveal sin yet only *unconfessed* or *hidden* sins – never past sin that is confessed, repented of and under the Blood. An important aspect of spiritual gifts is, because they are supernatural, timing is important. I’ve learned that when I receive a Word of Knowledge regarding healing, e.g., before a service even begins the Lord says, “I want to heal arthritis,” that means God wants to do it right then! Not later, so no matter when it occurs I stop whatever I’m doing and follow the Spirit to minister in that particular way.

Back in the ‘90s the Lord spoke to me and said, “Whenever you receive a Word of Knowledge regarding healing and ask people to come to the front who want prayer to be healed, always tell them to repent of any unconfessed sins before they come for prayer.” If you need healing in a particular area which we all do from time to time then you should remember this because God hates sin, especially *hidden* sin, it hinders or completely stops God’s ability to heal us.

I've learned over many years of ministry that there are only two things that can keep a Christian from receiving from God all He's promised us; they are sin and unbelief.

Back in the late '70s I met John G. Lake's granddaughter who offered to give me a copy of his original notes. Brother Lake, as you may know, operated healing rooms in Spokane, Washington, for many years and in Portland, Oregon. During that time Spokane was statistically known as the healthiest city in America! In his meetings when praying for the sick, Brother Lake would lay hands on people and if they weren't healed instantly he would send them to a back room where his wife ministered in more depth to people. Very often he found that the reason they were not instantly healed is because there was unconfessed sin in their life.

My wife and I have some personal prophecies about our ministry and lives being like William Branham. Like his life mine's been peculiar and I've noticed over the years some of these things coming to pass – like being rejected by many – but one of the main reasons I believe the Lord had me study Brother Branham's life is not because of this but rather to teach me about *The Third Pull*, what it means, how it operates and the fact that William Branham was a forerunner in the spirit of Elijah to many prophetic people, unknown Christians with pure hearts, that God has anointed with the Spirit of Elijah in these last days to forerun the Second coming of Jesus.

Brother Branham received a vision from the Lord early in his ministry when he was being called “of the devil” because God doesn't heal anymore. This vision to me speaks about the Spirit of Elijah. In 1946 after his daughter Rebekah was born he had a vision where he was walking on a road and he saw a mountain rise up out of the prairie. He saw an angel standing in front of him and the angel said, “Go west towards that mountain.”

As he did and got closer he saw a door located near the base of the mountain and he went inside. He met a beautiful woman who was wearing a white wedding dress but it was now soiled. The woman introduced herself to him as “Mrs. Methodist.” He asked her why her dress was so soiled and she replied, “Oh, that, I have been so busy.” He knew what this meant – they were too busy for the Lord. Then he noticed a flock of white chickens next to him and watched them. There was a pile of bread that a few of them would peck at but most of them would not eat the bread. The angel asked him, “Do you know who they are?” He replied, “No.” The angel said that they were his own flock at

the Branham Tabernacle and he said, "They won't eat the Bread of Life anymore so I am sending you farther west."

It's a sad thing, my brothers and sisters, that so many Christians don't want to eat the Bread of Life anymore. That is why the Spirit of Elijah must return to turn the people of the Covenant back to God because the Seventh church is so *lukewarm*.

Are you called in the Spirit of Elijah? If so, then you'll make it a priority to put all sin out of your life and follow the Holy Spirit in ministering to a sin-sick, crying dying world and to a backslidden, unrepentant church spoken of in both Jeremiah and Revelation.

Now, in closing let's return to the *Eye of the Eagle* question from I Kings 18. Elijah sent his servant 7 times to "go and look toward the sea" (v. 43) and yet his servant would return and say, "There is nothing there."

You see, because Elijah knew and understood this *Third Pull* concept that the Angel of the Lord told William Branham would operate just before the Lord's return, he knew that he had spoken the word and *it had to be!* The operation of this gift is the spiritual gift known as Faith from I Cor. 12. I have operated in this gift a number of times. That is why we will begin to see, in this end-time move of Glory upon the Bride, raising of the dead become very common in true churches and ministries. Praise the Lord!