

# GOD IS MORE THAN ENOUGH

## ELIJAH ONLY HAD GOD AND THAT WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH

Let us pray, “Father teach us Your heart and Your ways. Lord we need You more today than ever before in human history. Come and teach us Your proven ways. Amen and amen.”

Open your Bible to the Book of Luke and let us begin in chapter 18.

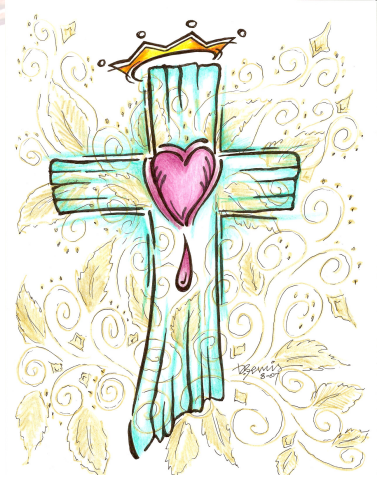
*Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Luke 18:9-14) NKJV*

Jesus was very clear in His teachings that God hates religious pride and God loves the person who

is humble. Jesus said earlier in the Gospel that the kingdom of God does not come by observation but that the kingdom of God was within (Luke 17:20-21). Religious pride creeps into a persons heart and puffs up the individual up. Religious pride looks down on everyone yet God is always looking at the human heart and its motives.

I want to walk justified by God so I will humble myself and remember always where God found me. God found me in a miry pit of sin and that sin clung to my heart and dirtied my heart with death and guilt but God has set my heart free and free indeed. How did God remove that dirt? God put me through the refiners fire a place where the fire is hot and designed to burn the dirt from our past so we can come forth as pure gold.

Let’s get back to our text. The religious man thought that all his works made him justified before God, but he forgot that the walk of the believer is not by works so no one can boast



**God is more than enough and if you will let God be more than enough for every circumstance in your life you will find God’s blessings, His miracles, and especially His favor. But every Christian must go through the refiners fire so that the dross of life is consumed in His holy fire. The Lord does not want us superficially healed He longs for us to be truly free. Such things as religious pride, fear, and self reliance must surface as dross as we come through the fire.**

**God is all you need,  
Jesus is more than  
enough...**

(Ephesians 2:8-9). The human heart is very wicked and who can know it but God alone. Let us repent of all religious pride. Let God put you through His refiner's fire. Let God prune the dead branches of religion and denominational pride off the vine so we can produce more fruit, fruit that will remain. Let God take out the hammer and the chisel and strike the imperfection of pride off our hearts.

Let us now travel back into the old testament to find God truth in His Spiritual meat found in 1 Kings, listen:

*Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." (1 Kings 17:8-10)*

Elijah had nothing but God and he had a relationship with God. As Elijah would pray and listen to God, He would give him direction. Once Elijah heard the voice of God he obeyed and miracles happened. All Elijah had was God and God was more than enough. In this portion of scripture Elijah is sent to Zarephath, which in Hebrew means: "place of refinement." God sent Elijah as His voice to refine a humble widow woman. God sent Elijah with a hammer and chisel to expose in this humble woman her main problem. Remember God is never the problem.

Yet I also want you to see that of everyone in that city God sent Elijah to this heart because God saw something in her that He did not see in anyone else.

Elijah entered the city only carrying the glory of God within his heart. Elijah only had God and God was more than enough to keep him, lead him, and bless him. Make sure you let God be enough for your heart. Let God hammer off the religious pride, fear, and your old way of thinking. Elijah arose and under the divine direction and leading of God he went to the city looking for the widow to provide for him. Listen again as we go deeper into our text:

*And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of*

*So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." (1 Kings 17:11-12)*

Elijah found the widow he was to minister and speak too. He asked her for a morsel of bread and the widow explained the depth of her personal circumstances. She was down to her last meal-her last torrita and then her and her son would starve to death. But God saw her heart and He heard her cry. Remember; all Elijah had was God. He did not have money to help the widow out. He did not bring with him sacks of flour to bless



her; all Elijah had was God and God was more than enough. The only other thing that Elijah had was the word of God. Oh dear reader do you see how important it is to be a carrier of God's words of truth? Well listen as we read more about this widow and her need for refinement in the city of Zarephath. Listen with your heart and learn what God is desiring to do in your life.

*And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'" (1 Kings 17:13-14)*

The hammer of God came out to chisel off "FEAR." Fear had a choke hold on this widow's faith, life, and her provisions. She was only surviving. And our God is the God of abundance. Yet many Christians settle for survival and never find the abundant living that God is speaking about. This poor widow had enough flour and oil from herself and her son but Elijah comes in and now he is asking for a cake. This is just like God to bring trouble your way so He can bring out the hammer and chisel to refine you and me even more. God asks for the last bit of substance from her; will she obey?

If we are really honest with ourselves right now this "FEAR" thing is what keeps us from experiencing more of God. We look at our troubles and problems and they are bigger than our God. And even if we hear God; will we obey? It is through obedience to God's voice that brings our personal miracles, blessings, and favor. It is through obedience in the tough times that will bring God's abundance. Notice that the testing of our obedience comes when you are in Zarephath that place of refinement. But God is right there in her midst if she will only obey. The same is true for us, will we obey God and His word of truth? How many of us will trust God in those refiner times? But let us listen and see what she does.

*So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according*



*to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah. (1 Kings 17:15-16)*

Oh my dear saint, she received her miracle. She received double her blessings. The first blessing was the jar of flour and her next blessing was the jar of oil. All she did was obey the voice of the Lord through His anointed servant and she received more than enough. She was no longer surviving she found abundant living because she allowed God to hammer and chisel off "FEAR," in the midst of Zarephath that place of refinement. Then she obeyed and then came her personal miracle of the double blessing.

She had nothing, Elijah had nothing but God and God was more than enough. Now, let this soak into your spirit for a moment. In fact let this soak down into your bones right now! All they had was God! And our God was more than enough. But we humans try working everything out in our own strength through our pride, our fear, and our own manipulation. Let the hammer fall upon your pride, your fear, and your own strength. This widow did not go door to door begging people for flour. This woman did not go begging the church to provide. All this woman did was obey the word of God. She had nothing but God and God was more than enough. God supplied abundance for many days.

Peter said it this way: "Silver and gold I



do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk” (Acts 3:6). Peter had nothing but God and God was more than enough. Peter did not have a miracle, money, and any thing else. Peter only had Jesus and his God was more than enough to bring healing to the man. Let God be enough; let God be more than enough in your life.

When all we have is God then God will receive all the glory! Did you hear that? When we can do nothing else then that is when God is at His best. God will not share His glory with anyone. This is why many of us are weak for in our weakness He is strong because He is all we have left.

In the closing stages of this devotional, God is more than enough and if you will call on Him and obey His voice He will lead you to quiet waters even in the midst of any storm you might be going through. Is God enough for you? The answer is yes! But the question still needs to be answered by your own heart.

1. Is God enough for you or do you need something else? Write your answer below as you and God talk from the transparency of your own thinking. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. As you read this article what storm of life are you facing that this is challenging you to let God be more than enough.

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3. What fears are hiding in your heart that the Lord has exposed while reading this sermon? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What does it mean to you, “God is more than enough?” \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What or how do you try to do things in your own strength? \_\_\_\_\_

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