

Lessons from the Holy Prophet Elijah

1 Kings 17:22-And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. (KJV)

The Holy Prophet Elijah's focus and healing interest in the child is apparent. Elijah demonstrates the value of a small child as does the Lord Jesus Christ. Parish churches do well to demonstrate the love of Elijah and Christ for children. Children benefit from the nourishment and love of being a part of church services. God's Holy Church provides a welcoming and loving experience for children. The Lord listened to the Prophet Elijah as he reached out in behalf of the child.

1 Kings 18:21-And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. (KJV)

God's Prophet Elijah was willing to take a firm public stand against a false god. The courageous Elijah had complete and total trust in the Lord God he followed. Resolute Elijah stood firm in the midst of a great number of opposing believers. Believers are constantly being confronted with choices when following the Lord. Making courageous decisions to follow the Lord requires strong and resolute faith. Prayers to the Prophet Elijah strengthen believers for decisions in today's world.

1 Kings 19:13-And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

(KJV)

The Prophets of old offer wisdom completely relevant to the present day world. Believers are encouraged to listen carefully for instructions from the God of Elijah. Serious believers attempt to discern the will of the Lord God and abide by it. The soul is put in peril when believers fail to heed the Lord's will and wisdom. The Prophet Elijah is distinct and a vivid example of attentiveness to the Lord. Listening to the Lord is an important attribute to learn from the Prophet Elijah.

Malachi 4:5-Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: (KJV)

The glorious Second Coming will bring with it a final judgment of humanity. Each person will need to give an account of their lives at the time of judgment. The good and bad of each person are known to the Lord and serve as a record. The Lord will be able to take into account whether the individual repents of sins. Repentance is possible while there is life in the body and the mind works well. Learning from the Prophet Elijah is a way to prepare for Christ's Second Coming.

Holy Martyrs Carpus and Papyrus; New Martyr Zlata of Meglena, Holy Martyr Bosiljka. October 13/26, Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic