



The Ministry of Elijah

Lesson 6: The LORD is My Saving God

Intro: Deliverance

I. A Faithful Servant's Departure - 2 Kings 2

Elijah's Final Tour 2:1-8

Elijah's Departure 2:9-12

- What was the exact nature of Elisha's request? cf. Deut. 21:15-17
- "chariots and horsemen" (cf. 2 Ki 13:14)

Elisha Goes Forth 2:13-18

II. Elijah: A Towering Figure in the Old Testament

Malachi 4:1-6

III. Elijah: A Prominent Figure in the New Testament

Elijah in the Intertestamental Period (Dead Sea Scrolls)

Luke 1: 13-17

John 1:19-27

Matt. 11: 7-15

Digging Deeper 1:

Elisha's blessing shows that God both calls and equips people for his ministry.

- What great comfort is the doctrine of the call to a pastor? to a congregation?

- In your opinion, for what things does a public minister have to be equipped to minister to

Digging Deeper 2:

What reservations do some parents have today about encouraging their sons / daughters to study for the public ministry?

What can we do as a congregation to encourage young people to serve the LORD full-time?

Matt. 17: 1-13

Rev. 11: 1-12

IV. Elijah: Rabbinic Traditions

The Great Priest of the Messianic Era

The perpetual guardian of the Jewish people

The unseen / hoped for guest at Passover

cf. Alfred Edersheim, *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah* Vol. 2, Appendix VIII

V. Concluding Thoughts to our Study of Elijah

The warnings from Elijah's ministry

The comfort found in Elijah's ministry

Romans 11:1-5

"Deliver us from evil"

Digging Deeper 3:

Take a few minutes to reflect upon our six-week study of Elijah.

What are some truths from these sections of God's Word that made an impression on you?

What continuing relevance does the account of Elijah's ministry have for a 21st century Christian?

Notes:

For further reading: Much of this 6-week Bible study was based upon Prof. John Jeske, (retired from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary): Pastors' Institute 1986: *Elijah, an Old Testament Preacher* – to whom I gladly and thankfully give credit. All PowerPoints and study guides are my own.

<http://www.wlsessays.net/files/JeskeElijah.pdf>