

Elijah, Elisha and Ezekiel

by Clement of Rome

The sermon emphasizes the importance of humility in serving God, using the examples of the prophets Elijah, Elisha, and Ezekiel, as well as Abraham, Job, and Moses.

Scripture: Genesis 18:27, Exodus 3:11, Job 14:4, Psalm 8:4, Micah 6:8

Topics: "Humility Before God", "Faithful Obedience"

Description

Clement of Rome emphasizes the humility and faithfulness of biblical figures like Elijah, Elisha, Ezekiel, Abraham, Job, and Moses. Despite their great honor and righteousness, they all displayed humility before God, acknowledging their weaknesses and unworthiness. These examples serve as a reminder for believers to approach God with humility, recognizing His greatness and our own limitations.

Transcript

Let us be imitators also of those who in goat-skins and sheep-skins went about proclaiming the coming of Christ; I mean Elijah, Elisha, and Ezekiel among the prophets, with those others to whom a like testimony is borne [in Scripture]. Abraham was specially honoured, and was called the friend of God; yet he, earnestly regarding the glory of God, humbly declared, "I am but dust and ashes." Moreover, it is thus written of Job, "Job was a righteous man, and blameless, truthful, God-fearing, and one that kept himself from all evil."

But bringing an accusation against himself, he said, "No man is free from defilement, even if his life be but of one day." Moses was called faithful in all God's house; and through his instrumentality, God punished Egypt with plagues and tortures.

Yet he, though thus greatly honoured, did not adopt lofty language, but said, when the divine oracle came to him out of the bush, "Who am I, that You send me? I am a man of a feeble voice and a slow tongue." And again he said, "I am but as the smoke of a pot."

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