

So Ahab Went Up to Eat and Drink. and Elijah

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of prioritizing prayer and service over physical desires, and trusting in God's promise to answer our prayers.

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:42, Matthew 6:33, Philippians 4:6

Topics: "Prayer", "Spiritual Focus"

Description

F.B. Meyer contrasts the actions of Ahab and Elijah, illustrating the divide between the worldly and the spiritual. While Ahab indulges in physical desires, Elijah prioritizes communion with God, demonstrating the importance of spiritual focus over earthly appetites. Elijah's perseverance in prayer, even after a significant victory, highlights the necessity of seeking God's presence and guidance. The sermon encourages believers to maintain a posture of humility and expectation, trusting that God is already preparing answers to their prayers. Ultimately, it calls for a deeper commitment to the Kingdom of God over worldly distractions.

Transcript

So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah

went up to the top of Carmel. 1 Kings xviii. 42.

SUCH differences obtain still. The children of this world and the children of light are manifest. What though the bodies of four hundred and fifty prophets lay slain in the gorge of the Kishon; or that by one great act Elijah had hewn down the upas tree, the deadly influence of which had corrupted Palestine; or that the long-expected rain was in the air; yet Ahab must eat and drink. These are the things which the children of the world seek after. Watch and pray, lest you enter into this temptation. Let appetite be kept well in hand; your servant, not your master; and see to it that you are capable of such profound and absorbing interest in the things of the Kingdom of God, as to count the gratification of physical desire unworthy to be compared with the high delights of service, prayer, and communion with the unseen.

Though he must have been exhausted with the excitements and efforts of the day, Elijah must spend the evening hour with God. Though he knew that the rain was near, he felt that his prayers were a needful condition for its bestowment. Though any part of Carmel might have become his oratory, he sought the lonely solitudes of the summit with the outspread sea before him, that his soul might hold undisturbed vigil,

and that he might see over the wide expanse of the ocean the first tokens of the coming answer. His attitude denoted his humility. His repeated injunction to the lad, his perseverance. His success approved his faith.

Stand, O suppliant soul, on the highest point of expectant hope; see the hurrying answer, which was being prepared from pools and lakes and seas, long ere thy prayer began. "Before they call, I will answer."

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