

How Many People Would You Trust with Your Life?

"Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust", John 5:45.

The Jews were putting their trust in a dead person, not One who could give Eternal Life.

OK. Let us look at this in another way, "How much do you trust God with YOUR life?"

Consider two men, Elijah, a prophet of God, and Ahab, a king married to a woman called Jezebel, and known not only as an evil king, but also a wicked man, for the Scriptures say of him, "But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up", 1 Kings 21:25.

Because Ahab's style of life was not acceptable to God, God had commanded Elijah to proclaim a drought that would last for three and a half years.

Elijah did not have the power to close the heavens that there should be no rain for three and a half years. The words of God - issuing from Elijah's mouth - were the commands that the heavens were obedient to.

Ahab heard Elijah utter the words, and his spirit played upon his thoughts to relieve his kingdom of Elijah.

Elijah, therefore, had two alternatives then,

1. Accept God's Plans for him,
2. Have his life span shortened by Ahab!

God sent Elijah on long-service leave - three and a half years. There was a brook to give him fresh water, and RAVENS would deliver his food! "And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook", 1 Kings 17:4 and 6.

Friend, please consider carefully the following points.

1. Under the Old Testament dietary laws, they could not be used for sacrificial purposes, or food.
2. Ravens are known as scavengers, and generally eat road kill that is close to decay.

Why then, did God use ravens to deliver food to His servant, using a delivery mode that was totally abhorrent? He wanted Elijah to exercise

his trust to make him stronger.

God is asking Elijah, "Do you TRUST me with your life?"

If Elijah had not eaten the food the raven's brought to him, he was technically saying, "I do not trust your food supply. I do not trust you with my life".

Therefore, it was by accepting the food the ravens brought that Elijah proved that he trusted God with his life.

At the end of his three and a half year long-service leave, God required Elijah, by faith and trust in His Word, to destroy seven hundred and fifty priests and prophets of Baal.

Elijah trusted God with his life, and was, therefore, confident that he alone would be able to destroy the priests and prophets of Baal by the Word of God from his mouth.

In my ministry years I have heard many say that you cannot always trust God to answer.

If God has said 'Yes' to their request/demands, He has answered.

If God has said 'No' to their request/demands, He has not answered.

The fact that God has a better - or different - way is immaterial, it was not the way they wanted.

Thus, for many on the earth today, it has become "I trust God with my life IF HE DOES IT THE WAY I WANT!"

D.L. Moody is quoted as saying, "Trust in yourself and you are doomed to disappointment. Trust in money and you may have it taken from you; but trust in God, and you are never to be confounded in time or eternity."

At the doctors recently, in a magazine that was priceless old, I read an article relating to a man and birds. (It did say where it had come from, but I have forgotten!)

A farmer in America had a priceless talent of having birds come directly to him for food.

Every morning the birds would land on his hands, and while they took food from his hands, he would talk to them.

A lady visiting the farm sought his permission for her to feed the birds in the same way, but not one bird was prepared to land on her had.

One day she wore his coat and hat, and immediately the birds accepted her because the clothes she borrowed exuded the farmer's scent.

If we want to draw others to Jesus to save their souls, we must also put on His Scent, 'love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control', Galatians 5:22-23.