

Dealing with Disappointment  
I Kings 19:1-18

Review:

1. When dealing with disappointment, instead of retreating into isolation we must run toward God.
2. We must rely on God's Word alone, not in overwhelming displays of His power.
3. We must trust God to protect us and provide for us, and to bring justice in His way in His time

Reflect:

1. In what areas of your life are you currently experiencing disappointment? Given today's passage, what changes do you plan to make in dealing with it?

Go Further: Read I Kings 22:51-II Kings 1:17

1. Whose son was Ahaziah and how long did he reign?
2. In whose ways did Ahaziah walk?
3. Which god did Ahaziah choose to serve? How did the Lord respond to Ahaziah's choice?
4. According to II Kings 1:2, why did Ahaziah become ill? From what god did he seek guidance?
5. What question did the angel of the Lord tell Elijah to ask Ahaziah's messengers?
6. What did the angel predict would happen to Ahaziah?
7. What did the messengers tell Ahaziah when they returned to him? Did their message agree with what the angel revealed to Elijah?
8. How did the messengers describe Elijah in verse 8? What was Ahaziah's reaction to this description?
9. Who did Ahaziah send to Elijah? What did the captain say to Elijah?
10. How did Elijah respond to the captain? What happened after Elijah spoke?
11. According to verse 11, who did Ahaziah next send to Elijah? What did the second captain say?
12. How did Elijah respond to the second captain? What happened after Elijah spoke?
13. After hearing about what happened to the second captain, who did Ahaziah send to Elijah?
14. How did the third captain approach Elijah? What did he beg Elijah to do?
15. What did the angel of the Lord tell Elijah to do after the third captain's speech?
16. Did what Elijah told Ahaziah in person (in 1:16) differ from what Ahaziah's messengers had told him (see 1:6)? What does this say about Ahaziah's insistence on hearing from Elijah himself?
17. What does 1:17 say happened to Ahaziah? Whose word did this fulfill?
18. Who became king after Ahaziah? Why did this person succeed Ahaziah?

Summary and Application:

1. Elijah called down fire from heaven two times in this passage. Compare the reaction the third captain had to these miracles with the way Ahaziah responded to them. What does this say about the respect each of them had for a prophet of the Lord?
2. The Lord's message to Ahaziah is repeated in verses 3-4, 6, and 16. What does such repetition tell us about this message? Why do you think God had to repeat it 3 times?
3. Elijah called down fire from heaven at Mount Carmel ( I Kings 18:38) and twice on the captains sent to arrest him (II Kings 1:10, 12). How effective were these miracles in changing people's allegiance to the Lord? What does this say about the relative importance of miracles versus the plain Word of God in revealing the truth about the Lord?