

Intro: Do we really understand the relationship which exist between God and his people? Can we see that God delights in those he has shewed mercy to?

Suppose the Sun could see everything within reach of its beams--it could see its image in the sea,--on the river on the lake in every brook, on the lofty Mts. of snow & Ice--surely it would delight in them----- Thus when God beholds his work through the son of Righteousness He is delighted. He sees His sons---

V. WHAT OF MODERN CHRISTENDOM ?

The prevailing spirit of our times is that of infidelity and apostasy-

Suppose we could regard all professing Xtians as real- Things are far from being whatt they appear to be even in our day. Somethimes a real Xtian feels like shouting with Elija OH, God where are all the Sons of God, they are so few when it comes to getting some church work done .

Among the great masses of church members today, only a few really know what the doctrine of the Blood atonement means to a lost and dying world. Many have long ago agreed to a creed and few dogmas passed down by some conceitd philosophers--they feel their opinion is more to be trusted than the Bible the word of God.

Many feel that because they were sprinkled in the name of the church before they could walk, talk, or intelligently receive X that they are Xtians..

Go from church to church across this country & inspect their catechisms, search their hymn books, listen to some of the theology put out over the sacred desk and you will be ready to complain as Elijah.

You may enter a church called Xtian Science and see sacrifices made to Moloch- Children are led astray. That church is neither Xtian, or Siciencetific.

The anti-Christ spirit is everywhere.

Some may feel that I am saying that tonight we have only a handfull of Xtians left in this world....

I. THE CASE BEFORE US TONIGHT

The Prophet has made a statement----- I am-- *v. 14*

The Lord Has replied to that statement-----I have-- *v. 18*

II. THE CAUSE OF ELIJAH'S DESPONDENCY

*Why make This statement - sub my life -*

1. Worn Physcially-

On the reception of Jezebels message he flies for his life, sits under a Juniper tree about to faint , hungry, travel worn,damp with sweat

The prophet and the man give way. He wishes to die. The cause is physcially. worn, tired.

2. Want of sympathy-

Places stress upon "Only I" and left-- It seemed no one to take his side- Baal had 450 prophets & the Lord had only one left to fight his battle--- It is good

to know that someone is on your side... Elijah was saying I seem to be waging a loosing battle--

### 3. Want of Work--

As long as he was busy he did not question--  
The misery of having nothin to do--

The Queen had put him out of commission--

He could not work for fear of his own life...

### 4. Lack of success--

On Mt. Carmel Elijah reached the peak of putting down evil-- This he thought was a good victory and that things would change in the nation. Baal's prophets were dead--

He is dissappointed that the results were not better.

### III. THE COMPLAINT ANALYZED

"I am the only one left-----"

Elijah complains to God, They seek to take my life away

#### 1. His view was from the Human standpoint...

From human knowledge he surveyed the spiritual world-- he could see no active Xtians working for the Lord.

Something like DAYS OF NOAH\*\* dark, ruin, desolate

Abrahams plea for SODOM and Gomorrah----- searching for a hand full of Xtians--- seemed the whole city corrupt.....

### IV. THE ANSWER GIVEN BY THE LORD

v. 15-A  
1. A Direction----- Go return--carry forward the work you have started....

v. 15-B  
2. A Commission----- Anoint Hazel-- I will take care of this wicked crowd.

v. 15  
3. A Declaration----- I have left-- This is my answer I have 7,000 left they are the salt of the earth

NOT KISSED HIM\*\*\*\* Job 31:26-27

It was customary to kiss the hand of the idol or object of worship.

Hosea 13:2 Te kiss the image itself.

God was saying I have a Hidden Church you know not off-----

Some few churches say you can not be a xtian unless you belong to their church— Ch. Of X say we are the church—  
The Pope says the catholic Ch. is the true Ch. Some think they have the last word.

We BAPTIST believe that the New Testament is the Last word. we say the word of God is the final word. We do not say other protestants are lost— Baptist are not protestants anyway— they never have been a part of nor did they pull away from catholicism.. you can find a date for all other Beliefs as to their origin- the Meth- Presby- Cambelites- etc... We stادن on the BIBLE—

One Evangelist say tharer would be some suprises in Heaven First that we got there ouselver, second that some were missing we thought would be there, Third some present we did not expect to see..

In every age the churh had been the object of criticisms— they are as common as weeds... What's wrong with the Church is a subject always good for an hours conversation among people who do not have mush to talk about. There are at least 3 criticisms— and there is some truth in them.

A. The church is a failure—

You have heard that— and the best answer is yes it is a failure. Because it is trying to do something big. When you think of her commission- ge into all the world—

B. The church has the worgn kind of people in it—

Of course this is true... But if a church is doing her job there will be sinners in the congregation.. The pharise opposed Jesus for associating with sinners.

Some stait laced Methodis officals of England were offended because Wm. Booth filled the church up with riff raff the very people Jesus came to seek. He later founded the Sal. Army.

cC. The church is always asking for money...

Note this criticism is usually made by people who never give any money and feel insulted if they are ask to give a dime. The charge is true, the church has a big job and it takes money to support that job.

This view of our present day revelation may lead us to make the number of faithful too small..

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all services required----

Each member must serve in one of these places: S.S. teacher, T.U. worker, member of Deacons, choir, W.M.S. and be on a regular committee and take part in all the org. workd of the church

How long could you qualify?

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3. I WILL PRESERVE MY PEOPLE

*kept this 7/22/80*

Elijah felt that all of Gods people had disappeared. either killed or given up the Faith

But Xtian people may be delivered from their fears that God is able to keep that which is committed to him.

4. God wants us to be Faithful and leave the results to Him.

Elijah must go and do his work and leave the results to God...

VI. GOD'S ANSWER TODAY

Rom. 11:2-5

1. My CHURCH HAS POWER TODAY..... *2,000 - 3,000*

People of God were very few in Elijah's day---

I have a hidden church---- remenant----

Dr. Truitt said "I believe in the church every hour that I live A man can make his testimong go further throught the church than throught independent movements. His money and all his work will go further. He can do more constructive work, than any other way in the world. That is my deepest conviction A Xtian man is doing the wisest thing possible when he links his life with the Church. "

2. I HAVE PERFECT KNOWLEDGE OF MY OWN PEOPLE

*know 7,000*

The children of God may not recognize each other in this world yet God says I know my own...

We may not know them because of corrupt nature..

Suppose the membership of your church was limited to 100 people- Would you be cut out?

Suppose you had to run for Churchmember ship? Would you win or lose?

Suppose that membership was good for only one year and that reelection depended upon you work for X.?

Suppose your church had this set of rules: Regular attendance up

## Christians— Conforming

D. L. Moody, speaking in reference to those people who claim to be on both sides of the question of salvation, said: "You detest a character of that kind. During our war there were, in the border states, some of those people. They kept two flags. When the Southern army came along they would run out the Confederate flag; then when the Northern army came along and they thought they were going to be in town some time, they would pull in the Southern flag and run out the Union flag, the Star Spangled Banner. Do you know that those people suffered more than any other people? The Southern army would strip them of everything they had, and if they hid anything from the Southern army and accumulated anything, when the Union army came along, it would strip them of everything. Both armies detested them. We like to have men one side or the other. You cannot serve God