



THE DAYS OF ELIJAH

NBC SUMMER READING PLAN 2020

40 DAYS WITH ELIJAH

5TH JULY – 14TH AUGUST

WELCOME TO A SHORT READING/PRAYER PLAN FOR THE NEXT 40 DAYS.

THIS PLAN WILL SUPPLEMENT OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERIES

"THE DAYS OF ELIJAH"

HOW TO USE

- EACH WEEK YOU WILL HAVE TWO SHORT READINGS AND SOME QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU THINK AND HELP YOU APPLY WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING TOGETHER. YOU CAN CHOOSE TO READ THEM ON ANY DAY THROUGH THAT WEEK AS YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS.
- THIS READING PLAN IS MEANT TO SUPPLEMENT, NOT REPLACE, YOUR NORMAL PLAN FOR BIBLE READING. HENCE IT HAS BEEN KEPT DELIBERATELY BRIEF TO BE A LITTLE BIT OF AN EXTRA HELP DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS
- YOU WILL ALSO FIND SOME PRAYER POINTS TO DIRECT OUR PRAYING AND THOUGHTS OVER THE NEXT 6 WEEKS

GOD BLESS YOU

WEEK 1 - SUNDAY 5TH JULY – SATURDAY 11TH JULY

READING 1 - 1 KINGS 16: 29-33; 17 V1

NOTE THE CIRCUMSTANCES. WHAT SINS DID AHAB COMMIT?

HOW EASY WAS IT TO BE A FOLLOWER OF YAHWEH?

HOW DIRECT WAS ELIJAH?

READING 2 - 1 KINGS 17 VV 1-7

NOTE ELIJAH'S OBEDIENCE. HE IS IN SOLITUDE AT THE CHERITH BROOK.

WHY WERE THE RAVENS ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR ELIJAH?

WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THEM?

WHAT DOES THIS TEACH YOU ABOUT GOD'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE?

PRAYER

1. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE THAT IS EXACERBATED BY LOCKDOWN.
2. PRAY FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES WHOSE EDUCATIONAL PATH IS UNCERTAIN BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC.
3. ASK GOD TO BLESS AND REVEAL HIMSELF TO THOSE WHO STRUGGLE TO FEEL CLOSE TO HIM.

WEEK 2 - SUNDAY 12TH JULY – SATURDAY 18TH JULY

READING 1 - 1 KINGS 17: 8-16

NOTE HOW "THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO ELIJAH 2 (v8)

HOW DOES GOD'S WORD COME TO US TODAY?

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW GOD, YOU HAVE TO KNOW HIS BOOK.

NOTE ALSO HOW ELIJAH AGAIN **OBEYS** THE WORD OF THE LORD. HE LIVES A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE. HOW DID HE HAVE SUCH CONFIDENCE THAT GOD WOULD PROVIDE?

READING 2 - 1 KINGS 17: 17-24

HERE IS ANOTHER MIRACLE. WHAT DO YOU LEARN ABOUT GOD IN THIS PASSAGE?

NOTE WHAT SHE SAYS ABOUT ELIJAH IN v24. HOW WAS ELIJAH VINDICATED?

PRAYER

1. PRAY FOR THOSE FAMILIES WHO CARE FOR LOVED ONES WITH DEMENTIA.
2. ASK THAT GOD WILL COMFORT, STRENGTHEN AND ENCOURAGE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED BY OLD AGE OR POOR HEALTH.
3. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE BATTLE-WEARY TODAY, THAT THEY WILL KNOW AND ACCEPT GOD'S HELP FOR THEIR VICTORY AND RESTORATION.
4. PRAY FOR CAMP SONSHINE ONLINE THIS WEEK

WEEK 3 - SUNDAY 19TH JULY – SATURDAY 25TH JULY

READING 1 - 1 KINGS 18: 1-2; 17-19

HOW HARD DO YOU THINK IT WAS FOR ELIJAH TO STAND IN FRONT OF AHAB?
WHAT FACTORS MADE THAT SO DIFFICULT?

NOTE HOW ELIJAH IS DESCRIBED BY HIS ENEMY IN V17 WALKING WITH GOD
DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN ENJOYING THE FAVOUR OF OTHERS

READING 2 - 1 KINGS 18: 20 20-24

NOTE ELIJAH'S HAUNTING QUESTION "HOW LONG DO YOU WAVER BETWEEN
TWO OPINIONS ETC?" IN WHAT AREA OF YOUR LIFE DO YOU THINK YOU
MIGHT BE COMPROMISED? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? ARE YOU
ALL IN WITH THE LORD OR ARE YOU HALF-AND-HALF?

WHAT DO YOU THINK HE MEANT BY "THE GOD WHO ANSWERS BY FIRE"?

WHAT DOES FIRE SIGNIFY IN SCRIPTURE?

PRAYER

1. ASK FOR PROTECTION, STRENGTH AND WISDOM FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF **NBC**.
2. PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE FINANCIAL SITUATION IS OVERWHELMING AND ASK THAT GOD WILL PROVIDE FOR THEM.
3. PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO FEEL ABANDONED THAT THEY WILL KNOW THE OVERWHELMING LOVE, ACCEPTANCE AND FAVOUR OF FATHER GOD.
4. PRAY FOR THE ONGOING WORK OF UNITED BEACH MISSIONS AND ALL CAMPS ETC WHICH HAVE GONE ONLINE THIS YEAR.

WEEK 4 - SUNDAY 26TH JULY – SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

READING 1 - 1 KINGS 18: 25-40

WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM THIS INCIDENT?

NOTE ELIJAH'S FAITH. HE WAS EVEN PREPARED TO SOAK THE SACRIFICE MANY TIMES OVER. HE KNEW GOD COULD SET IT ON FIRE EVEN THOUGH IT WAS SO WET!

WHAT IS THE FIRE OF THE LORD? HOW WOULD YOU RECOGNISE IT TODAY?

READING 2 - 1 KINGS 18:41-46

NOTE V 43. ELIJAH SENT HIM BACK TO LOOK 7 TIMES. WHAT DOES THIS SUGGEST ABOUT ELIJAH'S CONFIDENCE IN HIS GOD?

THE SMALL CLOUD BECAME A BLACK SKY. A STRONG WIND AND A HEAVY RAINSTORM. THE SMALL BECAME GREAT. WHAT DO YOU LEARN FROM THIS?

DO NOT DESPISE THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS!

PRAYER

1. PRAY THAT OUR NI EXECUTIVE WILL LEAD OUR COUNTRY WITH INTEGRITY, BRAVERY AND WISDOM.
2. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE FEELING BATTERED BY THE STORM, THAT THEY WILL BE COMFORTED AND STRENGTHENED BY THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF GOD.
3. PRAY THAT THOSE LOCKED IN ADDICTION WILL BE SET FREE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
4. PRAY FOR OUR ANNUAL SPORTS CAMP WHICH TAKES PLACE ONLINE THIS WEEK

WEEK 5 - SUNDAY 2ND AUG – SATURDAY 8TH AUG

READING 1 - 1 KINGS 19:1-21

AFTER THE HIGHS CAME THE LOWS FOR ELIJAH. THIS MAN OF COURAGE WAS REDUCED TO A STATE OF FEAR (V3) WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS SAYS ABOUT THE HUMAN CONDITION? WHY WAS ELIJAH SO DEPRESSED? WHAT WERE THE FACTORS AT PLAY HERE? WHAT WAS GOD'S HEALING REMEDY FOR ELIJAH? COULD THAT BE JUST WHAT YOU NEED RIGHT NOW?

READING 2 - 1 KINGS 21:1-29

NOTE AGAIN ELIJAH'S COURAGE. AHAB WAS A WICKED MAN (NOTE VV 25- 26) HE HAD JUST KILLED A MAN YET ELIJAH GOES TO CONFRONT HIM. HOW DOES AHAB DESCRIBE ELIJAH IN V 20?

YET GOD WAS DOING SOMETHING IN AHAB'S LIFE FIRST. LOOK AT THE WORD "MEEKLY" IN V 27. SEE HOW GOD USED ELIJAH EVEN IN THIS HARD MAN'S LIFE. LOVING CONFRONTATION IS OFTEN GOD'S WAY

PRAYER

1. ASK THAT THOSE WHO ARE WOUNDED BY RELATIONSHIP DIFFICULTIES WILL KNOW THE HEALING OF FORGIVENESS AND GOD'S PERFECT PEACE.
2. ASK THAT GOD WILL COMFORT ALL THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING TODAY.
3. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING WITH POOR MENTAL HEALTH AND ASK THAT GOD WILL HEAL AND RENEW THEM.

WEEK 6 - SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST – FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST

READING 1 - 2 KINGS 1: 1-18

AGAIN WE FIND ELIJAH RIGHT WHERE GOD NEEDS HIM TO BE. THIS IS THE ESSENCE OF BEING A GOD FOLLOWER. BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE. HIS WORDS AND ACTIONS ARE VERY DIRECT. HE KNEW HIS GOD AND GOD ACTED AS ELIJAH SAID HE WOULD. HOW CAN YOU KNOW GOD IN SUCH A DIRECT WAY?

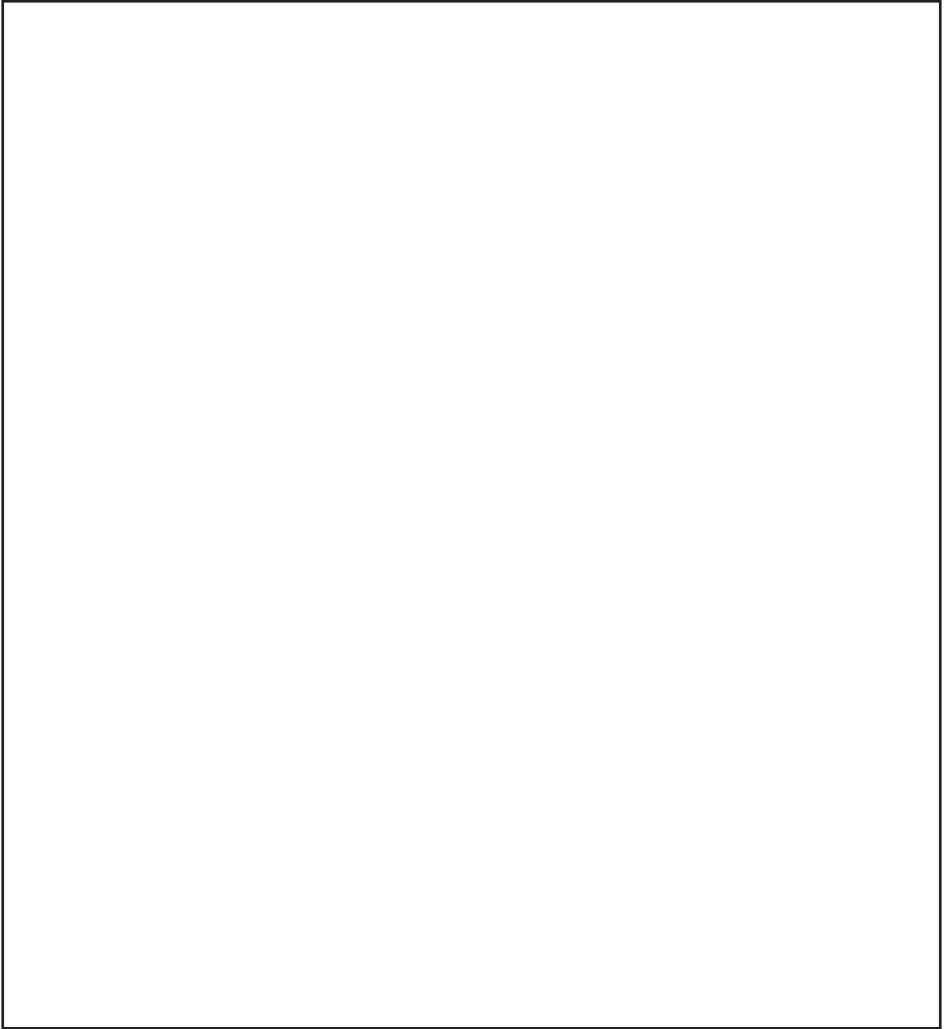
READING 2 - 2 KINGS 2: 1-14

THIS IS ELIJAH'S LAST ACT ON A CHARIOT OF FIRE (OR IS IT?) WHO WAS IT APPEARED AT THE TRANSFIGURATION? (SEE MATTHEW 17 V13) AND NOTE HOW HE IS MENTIONED IN JAMES 5 VV 17-18. HOW MUCH DOES THIS TELL YOU ABOUT ELIJAH'S IMPORTANCE IN ISRAELITE AND BIBLICAL HISTORY?

PRAYER

1. ASK THAT GOD WILL RESCUE AND RESTORE THE PRODIGALS IN OUR FAMILIES AND CHURCH FAMILY.
2. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LIVE IN FEAR, THAT THEY WILL KNOW THE PERFECT LOVE OF JESUS TODAY.
3. ASK THAT **NBC** WOULD BE A CHURCH BODY CHARACTERISED BY FAITHFULNESS, LOVE AND PURITY.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT? WRITE THE LESSONS DOWN



NOTE THIS QUESTION:

"WHERE IS THE LORD GOD OF ELIJAH?" (2 KINGS 2 V14)

BUT THE QUESTION IS.....

WHERE ARE THE ELIJAHS OF THE LORD GOD?