

# Where is the Lord God of Eligah?

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Where is the lord God of Eligah? Elisha had followed and ministered to Eligah for possibly fifteen years. I would imagine he was high strung at times, the things that would stir and bother him never altered Eligah in any way. I would like to know the things the two of them talked about while they were alone. I can see Elisha listening intently as Eligah would tell him stories of his past, and teach him of the ways of a man of God. The last several days it has been impressed in my spirit greatly the difference between Elisha and the students of the school of the prophets. Elisha cried where is the Lord God of Eligah?, while the students interest was in Eligah himself. Eligah was looking for the God of the man, and they were looking for the man of God. So many people today are running to conferences, seminars, and meetings, in hopes of finding someone that can create a miracle or someone that knows this God we speak of.

When we look at these two great men we see neither of them had an agenda, they laid those down when they had an encounter with this God. In 1 Kings 19:19-21 we see Elisha was minding his own business, plowing in a field, and the man of god was sent to him with the call of the most high God. Elisha offered his means of provision to the Lord, he gave it all up and followed after the Lord. I believe that what is needed most in this nation and afar, is for men and women to have an encounter with the Lord, not another encounter with a great speaker, a worship service, or another program that will excite them and bring them hope; but an encounter with the very One that spoke this very world into existence. With this type of encounter we will not need another conference, seminar, or book. His very presence will alter our lives to a degree as we have never known. All things change when we have this kind of encounter with the Lord God Himself.

In Amos 7:14, this young prophet said, "I was no prophet nor was I the son of a prophet, I was a herdsman, I picked fruit for a living." I have said many times, I was no man of God, I wasn't the son of a man of God, I built batteries for a living. I enjoyed it, I made good money, I did a good job. I played golf on Saturday, I had a busy schedule, my social life was full. I even took the time to go to church twice a week. But when I had an encounter with Him, when the King came and spoke to me, and touched me, my entire life was disrupted. Suddenly the things that mattered the most made no difference any longer. I even sold my golf clubs, church really made no difference; it was just to get in His presence, to hear His voice. There becomes like a fire in our bones that is shut up, you become a different person. All things become totally disrupted when we have an encounter with Him. It becomes difficult to go to family reunions and long dinners with friends, all you can think of, is I've got to get back to my meeting place with the Lord. I pray that many will begin to seek Him as never before, and desire an encounter with the Lord God of Eligah, rather than seeking a man of God, or church, or a worship service. He is there, available and desiring an encounter with his own.