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10 SERMONS FOR 10 YEARS

To my lovely wife,

I feel so blessed to have you in my life. You are the best wife a man could ask for. I love you Ellen.

Mavenee,

I can't tell you what these past 25 years have meant to me. I love,

Scott

2 KINGS 2

23 From there Elisha went up to Bethel. As he was walking along the road, some boys came out of the town and jeered at him. "Get out of here, baldy!" they said. "Get out of here, baldy!" 24 He turned around, looked at them and called down a curse on them in the name of the Lord. Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the boys. 25 And he went on to Mount Carmel and from there returned to Samaria.



ALL SCRIPTURE POINTS TO CHRIST



"YOUTH"



"YOUTH" YOUGMEN



"BETHEL"



"BETHEL" CENTER FOR IDOLATRY



"GO UP YOU BALD HEAD"



"GO UP YOU BALD HEAD" ELIJAH=MASTER=HEAD



"GO UP YOU BALD HEAD" YOUR MASTER (HEAD) IS DEAD. YOU MIGHT AS WELL DIE.



HEADING TO "MT. CARMEL"



HEADING TO "MT. CARMEL" ELIJAH KILLED BAAL PROPHETS



ELIJAH

- Demonstrates God's power by controlling water when he ended the drought.
- Confronted and defeated prophets of Baal on Carmel through fire.
- Brings healing to the land with rain.

ELISHA

- Demonstrates God's power by controlling water in striking Jordan River (2 Kings 2:14)
- Confronted and defeated followers of Baal with bears.
- Brings healing to the land with purifying water (Vv. 22).

CONCLUSION: SOMEONE GREATER THAN ELIJAH IS HERE.



MATTHEW 17

11 Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. 12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." 13 Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about John the Baptist.



ELIJAH--JOHN THE BAPTIST



ELIJAH--JOHN THE BAPTIST ELISHA--JESUS (YESHUA)



GOD'S PURPOSE PREVAILS



MOCKING GOD?



WE MOCK GOD WHEN WE:

DON'T TAKE JESUS SERIOUSLY



THOSE WHO EMBRACE GOD WITHOUT JESUS



IF YOU DON'T TAKE JESUS SERIOUSLY IN LIFE JESUS WILL NOT TAKE YOU SERIOUSLY IN DEATH



ZEPHANIAH 2

10 This is what they will get in return for their pride,

for insulting and mocking the people of the Lord Almighty.



JOHN 12

47 "If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day.



THOSE WHO EMBRACE OUTWARD RELIGION OVER INWARD FAITH



MATTHEW 7

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.



WE MOCK GOD WHEN WE:

REAP WHAT WE SOW



GALATIANS 6

7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.



JOB 4

8 As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.



2 CORINTHIANS 9

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.



IF YOU DON'T FEAR YOUR GOD HE'S NOT WORTH FOLLOWING



CONVICTION IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAITH AND BELIEF



HEBREWS 11

1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.



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