

FIRE FALL

Day Twelve: Prove We Are Your Servants

And (let it be known) that I am Thy servant... 1 Kings 18:36c

Integrity should be one of the bench marks in the life of a believer. Without it, the motivation behind our loving acts of kindness will be questioned. Unfortunately, we live in a day and age when the integrity of believers is sorely lacking. When the church communicates a “For Sale” gospel, it begins to embrace the “error of Balaam” (2 Peter 2:5; Jude 1:11; Revelation 2:14). This doctrine corrodes the integrity of prophecy... Balaam had actually correctly prophesied (Numbers 22-24; Deuteronomy 23:4-5; Joshua 24:9-10; Micah 6:5), but his name is synonymous with one who sells out for financial gain, and for such he lost his life (Numbers 31:8; Joshua 13:22).

The error of Balaam is only one reason that the church has lost integrity, and therefore credibility, in the view of the world. Self-righteousness, judgmentalism, man-made tradition, political snobbery, faithlessness and vain philosophy are among the countless other reasons that so many believers are no longer believable. By and large, our message is no longer in alignment with the mission of the Body of Christ in the earth. Discipleship has become a series of arguments instead of organic livelihood. Institutions have therefore replaced movements, and no one knows who the true servants of God really are anymore.

Elijah wasn't asking for God to endorse his office, affirm his calling, or impart anointing. Instead Elijah wanted only to be known as a true servant who was simply fulfilling the mission his Master had called him to. Endorsement, affirmation and impartation are all incredible aspects of the Body of Christ in the earth... these must continue. Yet, when all is said and done, our office, calling and anointing will have meant very little. Only the evidence of loving God and man... the fruit of our servitude... will remain. As Paul told the Corinthians, there are three evidences that live on, “faith, hope and love; but the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Only when God's glory is revealed will the genuineness of our servitude be accepted by the world around us. All motives behind our charitable deeds will become evident as the fire of God's presence empowers true love to be demonstrated.

And so we pray:

Father in Heaven... Restore integrity to Your Church in the world. Let us not be known for our charitable deeds nearly as much as we are known for the power of Your love, and the depths of our love for You.

Shift the emphasis of our attention away from us as recipients, and toward You being the Lord and Master whom we serve. Prove to this world that our motives are not from the flesh, but are simply out of a desire to please You with our loving service.

Let it once again be known that there are men of God and women of God... servants who deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow You.

In Christ Jesus name we pray... AMEN