

# THE ELIJAH PRINCIPLE

Andy and Tom were very good friends. They enjoyed each other's company and could be frank and open with each other. Tom, who did not enjoy the best of health, became ill due to "burning the candle at both ends AND chewing a bit in the middle." Andy came to see Tom with some very sound practical advice based on what happened to Elijah after his confrontation with the prophets of Baal in 1 Kings 18 & 19.



- \* Deliberately and intentionally desire to obtain plenty of rest and time to think and pray.
- \* Eat plenty of good food to nourish and regain strength.
- \* Spend time with good "encouragers" to refresh and give fresh impetus to your life.
- \* Make time to be with God and

study His word to gain a new spiritual vision.

It is out of this conversation and Biblical teaching that "The Elijah Principle" has come to fruition. The aim of this principle is to provide spiritual back up to those who are feeling "jaded" due to their work load and to provide the spiritual resources to revitalise their spiritual lives, and so further enable them to serve the Lord and others with fresh zeal.

It is specifically designed for people who are working in Christian ministry at home or abroad and require Biblical, theological and spiritual resources in their ministries or assistance and due to the number of resources available assistance is also given to those who are studying at Theological colleges.

The support primarily deals with teaching and applying God's word to

everyday life. Studies can be individually tailored and can be: thematic, topical, expository or exegetical. The studies or support can be provided in person, or via Zoom /Skype.

Along with this support weekly Bible studies are sent via email. See below for a "sample" study. The format of the study is a series of question on a specific passage designed to guide the person to think deeply and seriously about the passage. And if there are any problems or queries concerning the study, the recipient can contact the sender, who is happy to respond with more information, help or guidance.

In the past these studies have included:

- \* The Beatitudes
- \* The Tri-unity of God
- \* Studies in the Minor Prophets
- \* Evangelism, the Bible and Children
- \* The Book of Obadiah

If you would like to receive the weekly email or avail of an in-depth study please contact the SAMS Office for further details.

## Study XX – Leviticus 19:4

1. In verse four what are the people to do? What is an idol and how is it different to gods? Are they not basically the same thing? This term idol comes “from a root meaning ‘to be weak, deficient.’ It is used primarily in Scripture to describe vain objects of worship, the gods of this world, whether literal idols made with hands, riches, or deceitful men.” What does that have to teach about what is an idol? What would you say are the idols of the believer (yes, believer!) of today’s world?

2. If the people would turn to idols what in essence would they be doing towards the Lord? What does that have to teach you about the human heart and the dangers that we are in, in this world? Why do you think turning to idols is an act of “rebellious unfaithfulness” towards the Lord? As far as the Israelites were concerned what should have prevented them from turning to idols?

3. How is this definition of the word “idol” related to the holiness of the Lord but also the necessity of keeping the Sabbath? How does this whole concept

of idols relate to us as believers? Is this just something which was exclusive to the Old Testament period? (See 1 Corinthians 8:4 & 1 John 5:21) How do you think that the worship of the Lord keeps us focussed on the Him and less on the “idols of our hearts”? Why do you think that we as believers at times still hang on to our idols?

4. If an idol is something which is basically in existence, such as “material wealth, favour of the great, or by the fear of the mighty” what is the first thing what we are told about the gods? What is the significance of the word “make” and why doesn’t the Lord use the word “create”? What is the difference between “makes” and “creates” especially from human perspective? What is the significance of the term “molten” and what would it teach you about the desire of the human heart?

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