

CALLED TO LEAD A SPIRITUAL REFORMATION

In our [last lesson](#), we were introduced to Obadiah (servant of Yahweh). We learned that Obadiah was a top advisor to King Ahab.

Over the last 3 ½ years, Israel has been suffering under a drought sent by God to spiritually awaken Israel to leave the idolatry of Baal worship and return to worship of the Lord God of Israel.

Now, God is ready to raise up three leaders to lead a spiritual reformation in the North Kingdom of Israel. (10 Tribes): the Prophet Elijah, the Statesman Obadiah, and King Ahab.

This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of Called to lead a Spiritual Reformation

1. God has two of the three leaders on board, and now needs Ahab to join them.

Elijah and Obadiah have been sent on an emergency meeting with King Ahab regarding the reason for the 3 ½ year drought, prompting a spiritual awakening of the nation.

Now it is time for a spiritual reformation and a cleansing of idolatry by the people.

God has placed these three people in positions of leadership for this very hour in biblical history for spiritual impact. This could be the start of the reuniting of the two kingdoms into one priest-nation again.

Now is the time to stand firm in one faith and fight the good fight of faith (1 Tim.6:12; Eph.6:10-17).

2. God is always out front of the believers who have a special calling within the Plan of God.

In Deut.31:8, God gives four promises to those who are called (Rom.8:28).

- “The Lord is the One who goes ahead of you” (Ex.13:21)
- “He will be with you” (John 14:16; 1 John 4:14)
- “He will not fail you or forsake you” (Heb.13:5; Josh.1:5-6)
- “Do not fear or be dismayed” (Matt.10:28)

“Faithful is He who calls you, and He will bring it to pass.” (1 Thess.5:24)

3. Obadiah was a spiritually mature believer who had already been forced out of his comfort zone to rescue 100 prophets from being murdered by Jezebel (1 Kings 18:13).

Obadiah has already been tested as a spiritually mature believer and has proven that he feared the Lord more than he feared Jezebel and Ahab (1 Kg.18:12).

Obadiah was a spiritually mature believer who already understood that Elijah was the national prophet with equal Divine Authority with the king in the Plan of God.

Obadiah referred to both of them with the word **Master** (1 Kg.18:7, 8, 10, 13).

The spiritually mature believer does not live, nor die, for himself, but for the cause of Christ (Phil.1:21-23, 29; 2 Thess.3:3).

4. As a spiritually mature believer, Obadiah understood that meeting Elijah at this specific time was not an accident or chance meeting. It was by Divine Appointment (Eccl.3).

He must take seriously this unexpected meeting and pay special attention to what Elijah has to say to him. He understood the doctrine of "Perfect Timing in the Plan of God". (Eccl.3)

Obadiah was instructed to set up a special meeting between Elijah and Ahab.

To do this, Obadiah must face and spiritually fix his greatest fears! (1 Kg.18:9, 12, 4; Eph.4:22-24; Rom.12:2; Matt.10:28).

Elijah made it easy for him:

(1 Kg.18:8) "Go, and say to your master, 'Behold, Elijah is here!'"

(1 Kg.18:15) "Elijah said, '**As the Lord of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today.**'"

(1 Kg.18:16) "So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah." (2 Cor.5:7)

(1 John 4:18) "There is no fear in love; but perfect (he teleios) [mature] (1 Cor.13:4-8) love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment (kolasis) [Self Induced Misery], and **the one who fears is not perfected in love.**"