

Following is the outline from a message by Pastor Dave Tietjen at Evangel Baptist Church, Wheaton IL
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Message Notes

“The Way Back – Part 2”

1 Kings 19:5-8 (ESV)

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A Foolish Superstition Displayed

◆ **“Lucky Angels”**

“It began in 1793, when legend has it that the Angel’s designer, Dupre, came close to losing his head on the guillotine . . .” (Coin and Sportscards Wholesaler, April/May 1997)

◆ **Likely Angels**

“The pages of Scripture abound with hundreds of references to angels. The Bible is our primary and only inspired source of information about these spirit beings; all other information about these heavenly creatures must be evaluated in light of God’s Word. . . . In the Bible, angels are not mere figures of speech. Beginning in the first book of the Old Testament and continuing to the last book of the New Testament, angels appear, and they are always realities, not figments of imagination.”

(Robert Lightner)

A Faithful Story Detailed

◆ **A Time of Difficulty**

◆ **Elijah’s Calling – 9th Century B.C.; Reigns of Ahab and Ahaziah**

◆ **Elijah’s Collapse**

◆ **His Fear – “I Have Lost”**

◆ **Our Fear – “We Will Lose”**

“National and international forces are at work in the world endeavoring to demolish the church and quench God’s voice. They will do everything possible to put an end to truth. Though temporarily they may appear to succeed, in the end it is God who will triumph. It is He who shall have the final word as to the destiny of men and nations. We do well to remind ourselves of this when events look so dark.”

(Phillip Keller)

◆ **A Time for Deliverance**

◆ **Reviewing Principles**

◆ **Recognizing Problem**

◆ **A Time for Divine Care**

And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.”

(1 Kings 19:5-7)

◆ **Elijah Was Refreshed**

◆ **The Messenger – An Angel**

- ◆ **Created**
- ◆ **Called**
- ◆ **Committed**
- ◆ **Christ (?)**

In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. (Isaiah 63:9)

◆ **The Meaning – God’s Character Revealed**

- ◆ **Lord Over Creation**
- ◆ **Lord of Our Confidence**

◆ **The Ministry – Elijah’s Care Realized**

“He never forgets that we are shaped from the fragile, fickle fabric of fallible human nature. He deals with us in enormous empathy and insight. He extends endless compassion, comfort and consolation to his earthbound children.” (Phillip Keller)

◆ **Elijah Was Reminded**

And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God. (1 Kings 19:8)

- ◆ **Of His People’s Failure**
- ◆ **Of God’s Promise Fulfilled**

◆ **Elijah Was Reassured**

- ◆ **About His Call**
- ◆ **About God’s Conclusion**

“We, like Elijah, are called to be faithful to God in the midst of a great struggle. Heaven and hell are still locked in mortal combat. . . .

Thank God, things are not always as they seem.

God is still the Lord Almighty, and His grace is sufficient for us.”

(Robert Ellsworth)