

Greetings Champion!

Blessings and increase to you in the mighty name of Jesus!

**ELIJAH**, the great prophet, called fire down from Heaven to demonstrate that God is the true and living God (1 Kings 18:38). He killed 450 prophets of the Satanic god, Baal, the same day (verse 40).

What a day of victory! Yet, a few hours later, he found out that his actions made wicked Queen Jezebel mad, and that she was going to get even with him (1 Kings 19:2). What did Elijah do? Did he say, "God just sent fire down from heaven at my word. Why don't I call fire down on Jezebel?"

NO! The mighty prophet Elijah *cried and complained*, and told God he wanted to die. 1 Kings 19:4, "*Elijah himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die.*"

After all the miracles and victory of that day, this man of God *allowed discouragement* to make him wish he were dead. Elijah said, "*I'm the only one left who is really seeking God, woe is me*" (1 Kings 19:10, 14).

God told him what He told Moses, "*Shut up and get up. You are not the only one seeking me, I have 7,000 men of faith who have not bowed their knee to Baal*" (1 Kings 19:18).

It is the experience of most people that good things in life don't come easy. And when those good things are taken from us, we grieve over the loss.

I admit it, it is a crying shame when our own dumb mistakes, circumstances, or the devil steals from us. What I'm saying is, we can't stay in that crying and "woe is me" state of mind and have success, victory, and happiness at the same time.

We must learn to be self-encourager's and get through what were going through so that we can move in the victory that Jesus died to give us.

(An excerpt from my new book, "Jesus Recovered All.")

Be encouraged! Better days are ahead for you,

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