

Breaking Drought

1 Kings 18:20 –45

In today's society many people experience seasons of drought upon their lives. They go through seasons of dryness. It seems like nothing is going to change.

Drought can come in many forms upon people.

1. Financial – unusual lack of finance to complete life.
2. Social – unusual Lack of friends to walk with.
3. Spiritual – unusual lack of the word of the Lord. Lack of the supernatural.
4. Emotional – unusual lack of encouragement and acceptance.

Drought is abnormal dryness and the lack of regular sustainable freshness or the lack of the normal amount of water. There is a difference between a desert and a drought. Remember a desert is not in a drought it's just a dry climate. Some people are in situations that have a dry climate. They are not experiencing drought, they just have to change their surroundings, the things they allow into their lives and their thinking.

You might say "But I can't change my life. I can't change my thinking. 'All that positive stuff doesn't seem to be working for me'." That may be true but the grace of our Lord can and will and does change the climate that exists around your life.

As we get a bigger understanding of the grace of God towards us, we change our thinking and the by-product of that is a different climate.

In today's scripture we see the breaking of a drought, not just getting out of a desert. There are plenty of keys for breaking drought hidden within scripture.

Keys for breaking drought

1. A word from the Lord.

Verse 21 "How long will you falter between two opinions?"

God always brings us to a place of decision. We have to decide between what God says and what man says. We need the word of the Lord. We need revelation.

Some of the faltering that occurs in church today includes:

I'm in the church; I'm out of the church. I'll attend cell but not the church.

I'm going to pray, I'm not going to pray. I'm going to give; I'm not going to give.

I'm going to sing, I'm not going to sing. We hear it all the time.

But right here, right now. That's what the prophet is saying. Right here right now, make a decision. Stop being tossed too and fro about by every wind of doctrine or other people's opinions.

Right here, right now.

2. Repairing the altar.

Verse 30 “he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been broken down.”

The altar is the place of our devotion. It's the place of our commitment. The altar is about the sacrifice of praise and worship. It's not what we sing; it's where we sing from.

After we get the revelation from God about the two opinions and make a choice we need to take steps in the area of our devotion to God.

This is a major key to breaking drought. As we worship, our attention shifts to how good God is as we remind ourselves of the grace of God. Our perception changes! We change.

3. Getting our lives in order

Verse 33 “and he put the wood in order”.

God created order. He created an order that would help us live our lives. Order is the keeping of rank in the House of God. It's discipline, and responsibility. An Army doesn't win a battle with multiple battle plans. It wins a war with a defined strategy. For us it's “rise and build”.

4. Cut the Bull

Verse 33 “cut the bull into pieces”.

Cutting the bull signifies the sacrifice and the shedding of blood. Whenever blood was shed a covenant, a divine agreement was enacted. For us, the sacrifice and the shed blood of Jesus is already in place. It's permanent! So let's look at this another way.

Sometimes we just have to ‘cut the bull’ about our lives. Stop pretending we are sacrificing. Stop making excuses about our lives. It's too easy to walk around and say, I go to church. I give I sing. God doesn't just want things about you. He wants you.

The ultimate pretence is the giving of things to God over yourself. I encourage you to ask God to help you to ‘cut the bull’ about and in your lives.

5. Pour it Out

Verses 33-35

God has set in motion an amazing principle. It's ‘Give and it shall be given unto you’. Giving of yourself, your time, and your talents breaks something over your life. Sometimes God requires something more. We need to pour it out and give it trusting God to come through.

Remember it starts with revelation.

Breaking the drought is divine. It's God inspired, man conspired. This year is a drought breaking year for The House. Let's walk together and see the amazing victory of God.