“The Cry Heard Around the World”

Text: 2 Kings 9:22,32,33

**If it could be done from behind this pulpit, it would have been done already a thousand times over. There is a hunger that must arise out of each individual for more God than ever before. We need revival but we are not going to sing it down or preach it down, we are only going to pray it down.**

INTRODUCTION

1. Revelation – Elijah & Israel faced a time of famine and the prophets were in hiding. God has shown his power.
2. Restoration – I have been very jealous but discouraged—direction from God. The prophets must come out of hiding.
3. Revolution – It is time to choose sides. (2 Kings 9:32—*Who is on my side*?)

ILLUSTRATION: 70 minutemen (farmers, cobblers, silversmiths and metalworkers, carpentars) faced an entire regiment of trained British regulars. Instructed not to shoot unless fired upon. Some unknown man shot the first shot of the Revolutionary War. It has been described as **“the shot heard around the world.” A Spiritual Revolution.**

1. **Prophets in Hiding**

100 hid by Obadiah. 7,000 not bent knee. Prophets by name. HINDERED, Fear/Intimidation, Discouragement, loss of direction from God. Desire to see God, but are hindered. **3 Eunuchs.**

1. **Jezebel’s Influence**

Jezebel’s Influence is that of Idolatry and exaltation of the flesh. We are not ineffective as a Body because of the world’s spiritual indifference, but because we are steeped in idolatry ourselves. Modernism has crept into the Church trying to mix faith and flesh.

ALL THAT SHOWS JEZEBEL’S INFLUENCE MUST BE DESTROYED. (70 sons, Ahaziah, Jehoram 2 Kings 10:11)

1. Jezebel Puts **a Question mark** everywhere God puts a period. (There is not absolute standard.) Jezebel= whence? Hence How? Whether? Which Way? Dwelling in Uncertainty & Doubt. A life of Questioning God’s Word.
2. The church as been reduced to “**SILLINESS**”. We are a silly people. Why silly? Our interests are shallow. Small minds. Low estate, base (Power in the Blood is foreign.)
3. **People-Centered** instead of God-Centered. They teach pastor’s to be more ‘people-friendly’ when we ought to be more ‘God-Friendly’. Is God welcome in our service? Are the lost uncomfortable because of conviction?
4. **PEACE?** They cry peace and compromise? What’s wrong? Is there peace? (Knowing full well there is not!) If the Satanist asked to preach on Sunday he would be soundly refused, but if he asks to paint the church building and showcase his wares we let him walk right in. It’s the devil that calls us friend we need to resist and destroy.
5. **TRUE WORSHIP IS LOST**. Praying in Secret—In Spirit. Emphasize the Word—IN truth.
6. Jehu’s Cry

**2Ki 9:22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?**

**Why was Syria winning and defeating them at every advance? JEHU RECOGNIZED AS LONG AS JEZEBEL REIGNED THERE WOULD BE NO PEACE.**

**Throw her down! Revolt Against Jezebel. No revival without revolution. If there is going to be a restoration of former things, there must be an end to the present things. The spirit of Jezebel exists in the church only because we have yielded to it!**

1. Courage - Because of the rightness of our cause. (Nathan Hale “Give me liberty or give me death!”
2. Faith - I am on the Lord’s Side and not enemy can defeat us.
3. Anointing - It’s not by might, not by power, but by MY SPIRIT saith the Lord. A vessel flooded and overwhelmed by the Holy Ghost. (Demon’s manifest.)