

Sermon Scripture Passage: 2 Kings 1:1-17

After the death of Ahab, Moab rebelled against Israel.

2 Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and lay sick; so he sent messengers, telling them, "Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover from this sickness." 3 But the angel of the Lord said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron?' 4 Now therefore thus says the Lord, You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" So Elijah went. 5 The messengers returned to the king, and he said to them, "Why have you returned?" 6 And they said to him, "There came a man to meet us, and said to us, 'Go back to the king who sent you, and say to him, Thus says the Lord, Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" 7 He said to them, "What kind of man was he who came to meet you and told you these things?" 8 They answered him, "He wore a garment of hair, with a belt of leather about his waist." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

9 Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty men with his fifty. He went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'" 10 But Elijah answered the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

11 Again the king sent to him another captain of fifty men with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, "O man of God, this is the king's order, 'Come down quickly!'" 12 But Elijah answered them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

13 Again the king sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up and came and fell on his knees before Elijah and entreated him, "O man of God, please let my life, and the life of these fifty servants of yours, be precious in your sight. 14 Behold, fire came down from heaven and consumed the two former captains of fifty men with their fifties, but now let my life be precious in your sight." 15 Then the angel of the Lord said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king 16 and said to him, "Thus says the Lord, 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron—is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word?—therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" 17

So he died according to the word of the Lord that Elijah had spoken. Jehoram became king in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, because Ahaziah had no son.

Mark 10:15 - Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

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Elijah: The Lonely Prophet #9 – 2 Kings 1:5-17 – Fire from Heaven

Question: *Ahaziah became king after Ahab, will he end up being just like his father?*

2 Kings 1:1-4 Ahaziah is gravely injured when he falls through a _____ but instead of turning to the Lord he sends messengers to inquire of Baal _____. Elijah tells the messengers that he will not _____ but will die in his bed.
Why do you think Elijah does not meet directly with Ahaziah?

1:5-12 The king twice sends a company of 50 soldiers to _____ Elijah, but both times the companies are consumed by fire from heaven.

Why might the Lord have taken such harsh measures? God is _____ His prophet.
God is asserting His _____ over Israel. God is _____ for His People.

Our modern age insists that God owes us an _____ for His ways, and that people are able to sit in judgment over God based on our _____.

Luke 9:54 When a Samaritan village rejects Jesus, _____ and _____ want to follow Elijah's example, and call down fire from heaven to consume them.
How does Jesus teach a different way of handling opposition than Elijah?

1:13-14 *What can we learn from the way the 3rd captain approaches Elijah?*

Compare to Mark 10:15 – To enter God's kingdom we must receive it like a _____.

1:15-17 What reason does the Lord give for not healing Ahaziah?

Was it too _____, what if Ahaziah repented at Elijah's word? (see 1 Kings 21:29)

What reasons have heard people give for why they see no need for God in their life?

Sermon Handout Answers:

Fill in the Blank Answers:

- *Lattice*
- *Baal-Zebub*
- *Recover*
- *Arrest*
- *Protecting*
- *Authority*
- *Fighting*
- *Explanation*
- *Standards*
- *James and John*
- *Child*
- *Late*
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