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1 Kings 19: 10

Sustaining Personal Revival

“And Elijah said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD of Hosts... only I am left, and they seek to kill me. 1 King 19:10

Passion... Jealousy... Desire... traits and emotions that tend to carry a negative connotation, but without them we are diminished to spineless cowards afraid of our shadow, paralyzed by fears. “For the LORD, whose name is Jealous.” (Exodus 34:14) To sustain personal revival we must cultivate a passion for it. We must be jealous for the holiness of God and we must desire what He desires, “Seek first the Kingdom of God...” Matthew 6:33

Zeal for the things of the Spirit typically produces one of two things. First, it will attract others of like mind and heart. Secondly, it will stir a reaction in those who are resistant to the things of God. Personal revival can be so easily quenched when the people around us – the people we are close to emotionally, the people we admire – begin to ridicule our newly acquired passion for Jesus, especially if we are not prepared for their response. Don't be surprised if not everyone you talk with (especially religious folks) are not as thrilled with repentance as you are!

“Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you, when men revile you, and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:10-12)

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