

Before the THRONE

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1 Kings 19:18

Sustaining Personal Revival

“Yet have I left Myself seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him.” 1 King 19:18

The fallen nature of man when left unchecked will always tend toward pride and self importance. As odd as it may seem, in the midst of a revival, men are most susceptible to the same temptations of pride that Lucifer yielded to when he stood in the midst of the glory of God. “You are the anointed cherub that covers, and I have set you so, you were upon the Holy Mountain of God... you were perfect in your ways... until iniquity was found in you.” (Ezekiel28:11-13)

In the midst of the glory of God the atmosphere is rarified and it is a heady thing. When revival is manifest, both Satan and the flesh of man want to touch the glory and hold it for themselves. Of course, this touching or attempted touching of the glory of God effectively cripples and nullify the work of the Spirit within our hearts; if not completely stopping the revival already in progress.

To sustain a personal revival we must always take the position of servants – “the safest place is the lowest place.” “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.” (James 4:10) We must never entertain the thoughts that we somehow are uniquely special above all others. Never listen to the subtle lie that says, “Surely the reason that you are experiencing the glory of God in such a fashion is because you are special, and that the less spiritual and less privileged are not experiencing His presence!”

This then is the Lord’s humbling Post Script, His sovereign “PS” to Elijah as well as to us... “Son, it looks as though your britches are just a little too big for you! You see, I have reserved for Myself seven thousand others, who love Me and are even now serving Me!”