

“Back To The Bible”



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The Calling Of The Man Of God

1 Kings 19:19-21



*Pastor & Mrs. C
“Old-Fashioned
Sunday”*

INTRODUCTION: Today we are dealing with the Man of God known as Elisha. This man Elisha was called "The Man of God" more than any other Man of God in the Bible. For that reason alone special attention should be given to him.

FIRST: THE CALL OF THE MAN OF GOD.

I KINGS 19:19

The placing of the mantle by Elijah upon Elisha was a symbol used of the current Man of God to reveal God's calling to another.

It also symbolizes a transfer of leadership and authority. The mantle was the outer garment, coat, etc.

Elijah means: "God is Jehovah," or "God is Lord."

Elisha means: "God is salvation," or "God is the Saviour."

Elisha, the Man of God, will spend the next 10 years training under the leadership of Elijah.

Point to Make: The true Man of God is called of God into full-time service. He does not volunteer, nor does he appoint himself.

Revelation 2:20, "She calleth herself.." That's the problem today. There are too many self-called Men of God, and some are even women. That's pretty bad when women start calling themselves, "The Man of God."

Notice: *1 Timothy 2:9-12, 1 Timothy 3:1-5.*

SECOND: THE CHARACTER OF THE MAN OF GOD.

I KINGS 19:19

"...the son of Shaphat..." Shaphat was a very wealthy farmer. He owned a large amount of land and employed several people. Now, don't miss this! Shaphat expected his son to get up and go to work like anyone else. He did not allow his son to be idle, but build character by hard work. Elisha was plowing when he was called into full-time service. What can we learn from this?

1. God never calls lazy people to do His Will.
2. Don't spoil your kids by allowing them to be lazy.

THIRD: THE CONCERN OF THE MAN OF GOD.

I KINGS 19:20

1. Elisha's response. *"he ran"* It was immediate obedience.
2. Elisha's request. *"Let me... kiss my father and mother..."* Kissing was the common practice of saying, "I love you."

FOURTH: THE CONFESSION OF THE MAN OF GOD.

I KINGS 19:21

He killed a yoke of oxen. This represented putting his past behind him. He threw a

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John R. Rice

God Made The Book

Luke 24:25

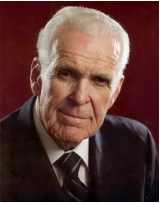
The Bible is infallibly correct. It is correct in science. It is accurate in history and in every other matter discussed.

Bob Ingersoll talked about, "the mistakes of Moses," and I have heard even friends of the Bible say, "The Bible is not a book of science." But infidels and timid Christians are both wrong in this matter. The Bible is a book of science. It plainly deals with many scientific matters. And wherever the Bible mentions matters of science, it does it with the absolute authority of the infallible Word of God. God made the world, and God made the Bible. So when God speaks in the Bible about the world which He made, He tells the exact truth. In fact, the Bible is the only absolutely scientific book in the world. All other books of science eventually are outgrown and found out of date and inaccurate. Now century after century finds the Bible still infallibly correct.

When Jesus rose from the dead, He walked on the road to Emmaus, unrecognized by the two sorrowing disciples who did not believe He had risen. Hear these words of our Saviour:

"Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." Luke 24:25-27.

Jesus says that one is a fool even to hesitate about believing all the Bible, all that the prophets have spoken! And He speaks here of all of the Old Testament, beginning with the writings of Moses, that is, beginning with Genesis. Of course, what He said here is equally true about the New Testament. However, most of the enemies of the Bible attack first the Old Testament. But Jesus says that any man is a fool who is slow to believe the Bible.



Dr. Lee
Roberson

Spiritual Growth

II Peter 3:18

I was conducting a brief meeting in an Eastern city. On Tuesday of that meeting I had a noon meal with a family of the church. The pastor and his wife came and joined us at the table. When the meal was completed, the lady of the house put some food on a plate. Then she got a tray and put the plate on the tray. Then she placed a glass on the tray and put the drink in the glass. Also some other articles were made ready on the tray.

When she finished, she turned to us and said, "Would you like to see my son?" I said, "Why certainly, Ma'am." She led us through a hallway to the rear of the home to a beautiful, pleasant room. We stepped inside. On the bed was a boy.

She introduced him to us and said, "This is my son." She gave his name, but he made no response. His body was small.

I said, "Ma'am, I'm so glad to meet your son. How old is he?" (I knew right away something was wrong.) "Thirty-two." He was a tiny fellow and didn't make any response. When she placed the food down on the side of the bed, he began eating, but made no response whatsoever. Then she went on to say, "For thirty-two years my husband and I have never taken a vacation. If he goes to church Sunday morning, I stay home. If he's at home, I go to church. We share going to church on Sunday and Wednesday nights, but one of us is always here."

It was a rather sad thing. For thirty-two years they had watched that boy. He had never spoken, never walked, never left the room. They kept him there in that one place and cared for him for thirty-two years.

Now it was pitiful. But we must face the fact that this physical condition is true of some people in the spiritual sense, those who have never grown in grace.

There's more! There's still more! It's not just a matter of getting saved and remaining a babe. Do you see the sadness of this little family up here in the Eastern part of the country with a boy thirty-two years of age? Well, I know of things just as bad here in the church. Some of you I've watched for thirty-one years. You're just the same size you were when I got here. You don't win any more souls than you did the first day I got here.

This matter of being saved is primary. But, the Bible exhorts us to grow in grace. We're commanded to grow, ***"But grow in grace..."*** He said, ***"...let us go on..."*** There is to be that business of taking on the new nature, of knowing Christ as our Saviour, then becoming mature Christians and growing in grace and becoming what God wants us to be.

party letting everyone know that he was going into full-time service for God.

Point to Make: You will find it very difficult to follow God's will for your life without being open and outward in your profession. No secret agents in the full-time ministry.

1. You see surrender.
2. You see sacrifice. → **Both involved in full-time service for God.**

FIFTH: THE COMMITMENT OF THE MAN OF GOD.

I KINGS 19:21

By saying goodbye to the parents and killing the oxen Elisha was saying, "My old life is now behind me, from now on I'm placing God first."

Illustration: When General Sherman invaded the south he destroyed every railroad and every bridge. A reporter said, "By destroying every bridge you will not be able to go back. Have you thought about that?" General Sherman replied, "I have no intention of retreating or going back."

CONCLUSION: Elisha became known as "The Man of God." It is interesting to note, that he first became the "Man of God's Servant." Point: If you want to be used of God you must first submit to authority.

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

"Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen." (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



Prayer of Service

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)

**A WOMAN STOPPED A LIMPING SAILOR ON THE STREET AND ASKED HOW HE'D BEEN WOUNDED.
"BY AN ENEMY SHELL, MADAM," HE REPLIED.
"DID IT EXPLODE?" THE WOMAN ASKED.
STRAIGHT-FACED, THE SAILOR ANSWERED, "NO, MADAM. IT FOLLOWED ME UP THE GANGPLANK
AND BIT ME."**

What Kind Of Preaching?

Romans 10:14

In this wild, weird, and wicked time we live in, the work of the preacher is being rethought, revamped, and re-examined. Some think the preacher should just be an equipper of the laymen for their ministries. He has been pushed from the center of the platform to the wing in favor of celebrated experts and entertainers. However, the Bible still says, ...how shall they hear without a preacher?" But what kind of preaching?

First: Authoritative Preaching

Our Lord taught us with authority, not as scribes taught. Far too much of our preaching today sounds like the scribes' teaching, and it is not anointed preaching! There is no king in Israel, and every man does what is right in his own eyes. Authority goes out and anarchy comes in.

Jesus met the devil, not in His name, nor in His power, but with the Scriptures. ***"It is written...it is written...it is written..."*** If Jesus could defeat the devil with three verses out of Deuteronomy, we ought to be able to do it with the whole Bible. This is the Word of God... period! This can be preached with authority! The scribes do not know what book to call the Bible, but we do!

Do not be ashamed of the old-time religion. There is nothing newer! We have the NEW Testament about a NEW and living way. We are NEW creatures with a NEW man and a NEW song, walking in NEWNESS of life, living a NEW commandment, headed for NEW earth and a NEW Jerusalem.

Second: Absolute Preaching

Oh, this day of relativism is destroying us! Right used to be right, and wrong used to be wrong! Joseph Parker said of Spurgeon, "The only colors Mr. Spurgeon knew were black and white. In all things he was definite. You either were in or out, up or down, alive or dead." Jesus was dogmatic. ***Matthew 12:30*** says, ***"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."*** To Jesus Christ there was no such person as an inactive church member. When the Titanic sank in 1912, there were only two lists posted on the Canard Office in New York-the lost and the saved! JUST A THOUGHT!



Dr. Bob Gray

Something to “CROW” about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church had someone saved every week for 36 years.
2. Heritage Baptist Church has not closed our Sunday School, Sunday Morning, Sunday Night, or mid-week service in 36 years—including two years of COVID.
3. Heritage Baptist Church will be hosting the 11th Annual “Old-Time Religion” Conference on June 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 2026.



4. Scheduled Meetings in 2026.



Dr. Greg Neal



Dr. Don Chitty



Joseph Collingsworth



August 2nd
Dr. Bob Gray

June 21-23, 2026

Yogurt Parfaits



- 1 32-oz. carton vanilla- or lemon flavor whole milk yogurt
- 2 cups fresh blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, and/or sliced strawberries
- 2 cups purchased granola
- Honey
- Toasted flaked coconut

Layer the yogurt, fruit, and granola in eight 8-oz. jars. Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with toasted coconut. Serve immediately.



"LOVE IS A LOT LIKE A BACKACHE. IT DOESN'T SHOW UP ON X-RAYS, BUT YOU KNOW IT'S THERE."

LOOKING THROUGH THE FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM, A BOY ASKED HIS MOTHER WHO WAS THE HANDSOME YOUNG MAN WITH A MUSTACHE. "THAT'S YOUR FATHER," THE MOTHER REPLIED. "THEN WHO'S THE BALD GUY LIVING WITH US?"

From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth

Teaching Children

Obviously there is a time for a child to be content with a toy rattle. However, too many put off training a child in spiritual things.

As soon as a child can sing nursery rhymes, they should be encouraged to sing hymns by parents pointing in the song book to the words being sung.

Children can be taught very early to bow their head and pray and recognize they are talking to God. The same can be said for reading the Bible. This is important long before the child can ever read.

The greatest opportunity for teaching is by example. Your daily walk with God will influence your child to a greater degree than just words alone.

Then there is teaching by exhortation. Give your child Biblical explanations and practical applications of truth. Teach your children about the things you have seen (*Ex. 10:2, Deu. 4:9*). Teach them about God's revelation of power in history (*Ps. 71:18, Ps. 145:4*).

Giving a child a clear understanding of truth and the reason as to why God does things will create in the child an awe, wonder, reverence, and adoration for God.



Get Back To The Bible



Is it possible that we have forgotten that God was not looking for ten saved people in Sodom; He was looking for ten righteous people in Sodom. We face a peculiar kind of Christianity where a professed, born-again quarterback gives an interview to Playboy Magazine and implies that Jesus would do the same thing if He were here.

Dr. and Mrs. Hyles

A famous singer who is a professing Christian appears at night clubs, and at giant rallies he testifies concerning his love for Jesus. A publisher of a pornographic magazine says he has been born again yet continues to publish his illicit material. A famous evangelist says that he is not sure if Hell has fire and now we have sodomites preaching that they believe in Jesus.

Genesis, 18:25, "Shall not the judge of the whole earth do right?"



10 Ways to Annoy Everyone You Meet

1. Drum your fingers on every surface you can find.
2. Push all the buttons before exiting the elevator.
3. Reply to every question with a question.
4. Tie jingle bells to your shoe laces.
5. Talk about yourself in third person.
6. Sprinkle every conversation with political jargon.
7. Let your turn signal blink for the whole trip.
8. Answer "How are you?" with a long, detailed description of your current physical and emotional health.
9. Emphatically emphasize the obvious-for example, add that your drive-thru order is "to-go," or announce that it's hot/cold/raining/snowing outside.
10. Break into a slow, goofy grin before replying to what other people say.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Heritage Baptist
Academy

Commencement

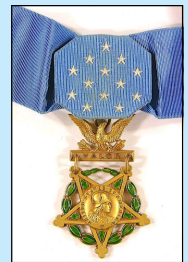
Sunday, June 14th, 7:00 PM

Lest We Forget



*Lance Corporal
Emilio Albert de la
Garza*

Returning with his squad from a night ambush operation, L/Cpl. De La Garza joined his platoon commander and another marine in searching for two enemy soldiers who had been observed fleeing for cover toward a small pond. Moments later, he located one of the enemy soldiers hiding among the reeds and brush. As the three marines attempted to



remove the resisting soldier from the pond, L/Cpl. De La Garza observed him pull the pin on a grenade.

Shouting a warning, L/Cpl. De La Garza placed himself between the other two marines and the ensuing blast from the grenade, thereby saving the lives of his comrades at the sacrifice of his life. By his prompt and decisive action and his great personal valor in the face of almost certain death, L/Cpl. De La Garza upheld and further enhanced the finest traditions of the Marine Corps.

Some food for thought ...or...

Seed From The Silo!

'MAMDANI EFFECT' CALLED ABSOLUTE THREAT TO U.S. CONSTITUTION

...The Council of American Islamic Relations (CAIR), an Islamic supremacy organization that has supported terrorism, boasts that more than three dozen of 76 Muslim candidates saw victories in their off-year elections (Nov. 2025).

They believe Mamdani's win, which came just 24 years after nearly 3,000 New Yorkers died in the Islamic terror attack of 9-11, has prompted a surge of Muslims interested in running...

Christian apologist and culture expert Dr. Alex McFarland thinks that should concern everyone.

"The jihadists and those that are working for the fall of the U.S. Constitution and the imposition of Sharia law in the United States—they are piece by piece, incrementally, building their infrastructure," he tells AFN.

Those unable or unwilling to recognize what is going on, he says, are being very naive.

...McFarland asserts... "this is about the Islamic worldview and the Islamic culture supplanting constitutional America."

-Chad Groening, American Family News

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

Food



Treasure Hunt

Spring Program—2026
March 22nd to May 10th

A Time For Renewal

Wow!

Games



Fun

HORSES



Hayrides



Dr. Greg Neal

You Should Be Ashamed

Jeremiah 6:15

On September 25, 2012, in New York City, there were many different individuals who addressed the United Nations. This statement was made in our country this week, "The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam." Since when is Allah God? Since never! How can we have the slogan "In God We Trust" printed on our money; and also have this statement made, "The future must not belong to those who slander the prophet of Islam?" Do we not know what that statement means?

It was not Ahmadinejad who made that statement. It was Barak Obama who made that statement. To be quite honest, if someone has defended him by saying he is not a Muslim, he should be embarrassed. The President of the United States stood in front of the world and condemned anyone who would dare speak against Islam. He also made this statement, "Muslims have suffered the most at the hands of extremism." I would think that the families of the victims of 9/11 and the family of our murdered ambassador would disagree with that statement. Basically, what he said was that those people who dragged our U.S. Ambassador's body out in the street, murdering him, were justified because somebody spoke against the prophet of Islam.

Muslims have suffered most at the hands of extremists? This same week it came out that Muslims in Egypt are targeting US missionary women; but our President warns that no one dare speak against or slander the prophet of Islam! Islam is a false religion. It is an abomination against God. Allah is not God. Allah is the figment of somebody's imagination. There is only one God.

America is in a precarious situation and she does not even realize it. We do not even get embarrassed when these statements are made. We do not even get alarmed when these statements are made. It is not just some reporter on the street saying these things. The President of the United States declared that the Almighty God is not the One True God.

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, 1 Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**
We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

Immersed Church Membership

Soul-liberty

Two officers - Pastors and Deacons

Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor in England
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year and might be the greatest Baptist pastor

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