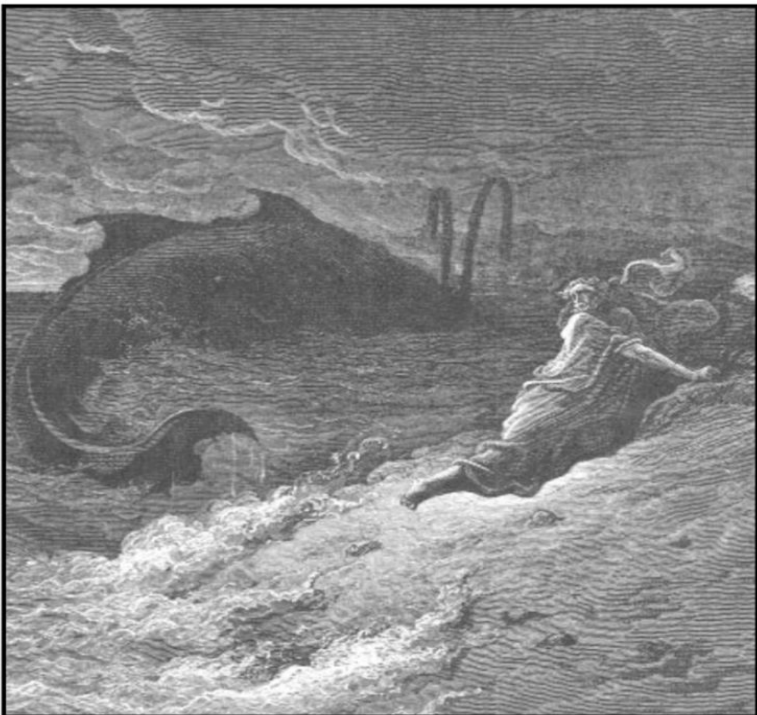




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Introduction

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Numbers 11:15

When I was but a very young Christian, devouring the Word, God began to reveal to me an interesting mystery. I call it a mystery because what he showed me seemed to be a complete contradiction. How could four of God’s spiritual giants, Moses, Elijah, Job and Jonah; all with reputations as great men of God that have lasted thousands of years, also be cry-babies?

Before having a personal relationship with the Lord, I knew very little about these four men except the traditional things most people know, which only scratches the surface of what the Scriptures tell us of them. For instance, I knew that Moses was adopted by the Pharaoh’s daughter, led the people out of Egypt, received the Ten Commandments and was played by Charlton Heston in the Cecil B. DeMille film classic. I knew that someone had been caught up to heaven in a chariot and that the words to Swing Low Sweet Chariot had something to do with that. I don’t think I even knew his name was Elijah. I thought of Job as one of patience from the cliché “the patience of Job” and nothing more. I knew of Jonah having been swallowed by a whale but had no idea why, what it symbolized or the events that followed.

So as I searched the Scriptures to discover what was really there, I began to find many amazing things. Among them was the surprising discovery that these great and famous men of God had periods of weakness and depression, and that, in their despair,

they had asked God to kill them or wished they had never even been born. I was truly astounded when I first found these things out. These men, at those moments, seemed weak and helpless to do anything; yes, even impotent. How could this be? Then the Lord began to teach me about these men and the truth surrounding their lives and their godly calling.

I. MOSES

Moses, as Hebrew 11 says; “Chose to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.” Then for forty years he lived in the wilderness (in exile) as God prepared his heart for what was to come. He was used to bring the plagues on Egypt. He introduced the “Passover” when the death angel passed over the Jewish first-born as long as the blood of the lamb covered the door post, yet God killed the Egyptian first-born. Only then did the Pharaoh let his people go. Moses led 600,000 men, besides children and a mixed multitude out of the bondage of Egypt where they had been for 430 years (Exodus 12:37-38). By his staff he parted the Red Sea to let his people through on dry land. He received the Ten Commandments directly from the finger of God. The people, while in the wilderness, were fed with manna from heaven. But human nature ruled and the people began lamenting, having only manna to eat – food from heaven itself. Foolishly, they even became sentimental about Egypt and pined for the “good” food they had there. Their god was their belly and they, like spoiled brats, wept throughout all their families. Then in Numbers 11:10 we read this solemn report; “*The anger of the Lord was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.*” Then Moses and God had this conversation: “*And Moses said unto the Lord, Wherefore has thou afflicted thy servant? And wherefore have I not found favor in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? Have I conceived all this people? Have I begotten them, that thou shouldst say unto*

me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers? Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat. I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness". (Numbers 11:11-15)

Moses was so burdened, frustrated and disgusted with the weak faith of these people he felt he couldn't take it anymore. At that moment he felt he would rather die than continue carrying such an impossible burden alone.

One might ask; "Can this be the same man used of God to bring about so many supernatural miracles?" But the keyword here is, of course, supernatural.

Yes, this was the same man. His weakness, shown here in wanting to die rather than go on, was that of the natural man. All of those miracles and wonders done by the hand and command of Moses were done by the supernatural power of God. They were only possible because the weak natural man (Moses) had yielded his will to the will of God. It was the natural man (subject to like passions as we are, James 5:17) that cried out to God; "*if you are going to treat me like this just kill me now; it will be a kindness. Let me out of this impossible situation"* (Living Bible).

But God, the merciful one, despite this show of the flesh, did not deal harshly with this man of clay, Moses. For God knew it was only a weak moment of discouragement in the life of a

faithful servant. Instead, he had Moses choose seventy of the most reliable elders of Israel, and bring them into the tabernacle. There God came down and spoke to them. He took of the spirit which was upon Moses and put it upon the seventy elders (a sample of the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost fell in Acts, chapter 2). God said He would do this so they could help bear the burden of the people with Moses, so he would not have to bear the burden alone. God respected the fact that Moses was honest and cried out the true feelings of his heart. We see here, as we will at other times also, that God does understand and sympathize with the nature of the flesh, and as long as we don't try to deceive Him and ourselves, He will give us what we need to overcome the weaknesses of our human condition. In fact, as Paul says in II Corinthians 12:10, "*for when I am weak, then am I strong.*" That is the very person God can best use - one who knows he is powerless and yields what little he has completely to the Lord for His use by the Spirit.

Thus when Moses cried out for help he got just that, the help and support he needed to pick himself up and start over, supported by the seventy elders and most of all by the Spirit of God.

2. ELIJAH

Elijah was given power by God to shut up the heavens for three years and six months so that no rain fell, neither was there any dew in Gilead. God, knowing he would be unpopular, to say the least, told him to flee. God commanded some ravens to feed Elijah. When the brook where God had sent him dried up because of no rain, God directed him to move on to a place in Zidon where he had commanded a widow woman to sustain him. At the time he arrived, she was down to a handful of meal in the barrel and a little oil in a cruse for her son and herself. *“And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou has said: make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which He spake by Elijah.”*

During Elijah’s stay with the widow her son fell ill and died for he had no breath left in him. Then the woman thought Elijah had come to judge her for her sins and had brought this judgment of her son’s death upon her. But the prophet said; *“Give me thy son.”* And when he took the boy to a loft and put him upon his own bed, Elijah cried out to the Lord and stretched himself upon him and begged the Lord to return life to the child. And the Scripture says; *“And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the spirit of the child returned, and he became alive again!”* So Elijah took the child

to his mother and she confessed that now she knew he was a prophet of God and that he spoke the truth.

The next great feat of Elijah was when he called all of Jezebel's prophets of Baal together. They numbered 450 in all. Then he said to them; *"How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him."* He challenged them to call on the name of their gods, and he would call on the name of the Lord. He proposed that the God who answers by fire, should be God in Israel. The prophets of Baal agreed to the deal and did everything they could think of (including cutting themselves) to get their gods to send down fire. They pursued this folly all day long. Then, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, Elijah repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. To show his faith in his God he had the men pour water on the sacrifice and wood, not once but three times. He also filled a trench with water. Then Elijah bellowed; Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

Then Elijah told Ahab to get up eat and drink for there would

be an abundance of rain. There was rain! When Ahab told Jezebel what Elijah had done to the prophets of Baal, she sent this message to Elijah! *“You killed my prophets, and now I swear by the gods that I’m going to kill you by this time tomorrow night.”* (Living Bible)

When Elijah received this message he ran for his life. After all the wonderful supernatural miracles that took place for and through him, Elijah too, had his time of great weakness. He had faced 450 prophets of Baal fearlessly, but now he ran with great fear from the wrath of one designing woman. His flesh had taken him over and he was so beside himself he became despondent. The Bible says; *“But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.”* (I Kings 19.4)

As with Moses, God understood the weakness of the flesh and had compassion on Elijah, for the best was yet to come for him. God loved Elijah enough to send an angel to minister to him. *“And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. He looked and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.”* (I Kings 19.5 & 6)

The angel came a second time and told him to eat for he was going on a journey. It was after this that Elijah complained to the Lord again. He reminded the Lord of his faithfulness to Him, but

also of the sins of the children of Israel who had forsaken the covenant, who had thrown down the altars and slain all of God's prophets, and that only he was left, and now they were after his life too.

Then the Lord told Elijah to go stand on the mountain before Him. There the Lord passed by and a great and strong wind shook the mountains and broke the rocks. After the wind and earthquake, there came a fire, but the Lord was not in any of them. After the fire dwindled a still small voice came to Elijah and when he heard it he was so overcome that he covered his face with his mantle and stood silently in the entrance of the cave. God's voice asked; *"What doest thou here, Elijah?"* And Elijah repeated his complaint that he had been jealous for the Lord but the children of Israel had forsaken God, killed the prophets and he was the only one left, and now they sought to kill him, too. The Lord answered with a couple of simple instructions: go anoint Hazael to be king over Syria and anoint Elisha, Elijah's own servant to take his place as Israel's prophet. Then the Lord said; *"Incidentally; I have seven thousand that have not bowed to Baal nor kissed him."*

Elijah wasn't alone after all, as he had presumed.

In spite of these moments of weakness and fear, God had planned for Elijah, one of the most wonderful things that can happen to any of his saints, to be caught up to heaven while there was still breath in him. He was to be taken up without seeing death. He became the second person to ever experience this blessing. Enoch was the first. He became a type of the "Rapture"

of the church. The promise for all of us who believe that the passage from I Thessalonians 4:13-18 is literal and could soon be fulfilled, to hold on to today.

Here is the account of his catching up, found in II Kings 2, “*And it came to pass, when the Lord would take Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal... And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.*” (verses 1&9-11)

Once again, we see that it is not through human strength or intelligence that God’s work is performed. It is through obedience and yielding to God’s Spirit that He is able to let His Spirit flow through us to accomplish His miracles. As Paul says, “*when I am weak then am I strong.*” When we recognize our own weakness then we can receive His strength. I praise God for the lessons Moses and Elijah acted out that we might learn.

3. JOB

I knew about Job before I came to know the Lord. My only understanding was that he was noted for patience. Job was the first Old Testament book the Lord directed me to read from beginning to end. While reading it the Lord spoke to my heart that Job was an acting out of God's relationship with mankind, which helped me understand our true nature and God's personal relationship with us much better than I ever had before. Job was as righteous a man as anyone can be on his own. Man can be generous, religious, loving and kind (to some extent), but he falls far short of the righteousness God provides us with when we truly turn our lives over to Him. It is then that we receive the righteousness of Christ, depending not on our own self-righteousness which pales in comparison to the righteousness He has for us. God can turn our generosity into compassion, religion into a relationship, kindness into unselfishness and shows us what he means by love. As I read about Job I began to find out that there was more to Job's life than I had any idea.

Job was considered a perfect and upright man. According to the world, he had everything – success, ten children, was religious and had great wealth. God even boasted about Job. That's why Satan said, "*sure he is good, for he has never been tested*". So God gave Satan power to put Job to the test. Although Job did not curse God as Satan predicted, Job did curse the day he was born.

His testing had just begun when he began feeling sorry for

himself; *“After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day. And Job spake and said, let the day perish wherein I was born, and the night in which it was said, There is a man child conceived.”* (Job 3.1-3) Verse 9-11 says; *“Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark; let it look for light, but have none; neither let it see the dawning of the day: Because it shut not up the doors of my mother’s womb, nor hid sorrow from mine eyes. Why died I not from the womb? Why did I not give up the ghost when I came out of the belly?”* (In some ways this is worse than asking for death. He wished his very existence could be blotted out. He suggested his very birth had been a mistake.) Job didn’t give up the ghost, even though his depression was close to being deadly, but he kept hanging in there even in the face of his accusing friends and the bad advice of his wife, who said to him to; *“curse God and die”*. But he stuck it out until he found the truth, enduring until Elihu, the youngest of his friends, ministered the truth to him. (I’m convinced Elihu is a type of Christ).

In Job 32.2 we see; *“Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God.”* This was Job’s great sin – he thought he was good, good enough not to need God’s righteousness, good enough on his own. He also thought he knew everything. He was righteous alright – self-righteous! Elihu says he waited for the others to speak, *“for years should teach wisdom”*, he says; (32:8 & 9) then he continues, *“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged*

understand judgement.” Elihu may well have been one of the very first preachers. This mouthpiece of God then finishes his exhortation by saying; “Men do therefore fear Him: He respecteth not any that are wise of heart”. (37:24) Then God, Himself answered Job; “Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me. Where was thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding.” (Job 38:1-4) God goes on in this vein for four chapters. Finally Job answered the Lord and said: “I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.” (Job 42:2-6) Then the Lord rebuked Job’s friends because they had not spoken of the Lord the things that were right. (They didn’t have the truth). Job prayed for his friends and God forgave them. When he prayed for his friends he was healed. “So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than the beginning.” (v.12) “So Job died being old, and full of days.” (Job 42:17)

Job’s life is a wonderful acting out of God’s judgment, mercy and salvation that He pours out on man. It also shows the true nature of man, unregenerated, the fruits of the dead human spirit of man. We, like Job, only know Him by the hearing of the ear

(religion) before we can say; “but now mine eye seeth thee.” Job’s life is a very precious gift used to increase our understanding of man’s relationship with God, if we are willing to see it.

4. JONAH

Now, Jonah is a different story altogether. His actions were definitely influenced by the flesh, but much differently than the other three crybaby giants, Moses, Elijah and Job. Jonah ran from God because he didn't want to do what he commanded him to do, and he brought trouble to others because of his disobedience.

The men in the ship, in which Jonah had fled from God, feared for their lives because of the great wind that God caused to blow. They cast lots to determine whose fault it was and the lot fell on Jonah. They asked him who he was and he told them the truth saying he was a Hebrew running from God and that he feared the Lord, the God of heaven. The men were afraid, and asked him why he had fled from the Lord. They wanted to know what they should do with him.

Jonah's surprising reply was; *"...Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you."* (Jonah 1:12)

"...The men rowed hard to bring it to land; but they could not..." The men cried unto the Lord. Then they took Jonah and cast him forth into the sea. *"Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the Lord and made vows."* (1:16) So Jonah's presence with these men was a mixed blessing. He brought on a storm at sea out of his disobedience, but through it, the men came to know the Lord and call upon the Lord God of heaven.

Then the Bible relates the well known story of Jonah and the whale; *"Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up*

Jonah. *And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.*” (1:17) The lesson in chapter two is two-fold; it is a very important lesson in repentance and it is an example of what Christ would later do when he went into hell to preach salvation to the souls who were in prison prior to the great flood.

When Jonah found himself in such an impossible situation he repented of having run away and turned his life back over to the Lord and confessed that salvation comes from the Lord. The foretelling of Jesus’ ultimate act of love in the life of Jonah is truly quite a wonderful thing. It is the most significant aspect of Jonah’s life and ministry. Matthew tells of it like this, *“Then certain of the scribes and of the pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But He answered and said unto them, an evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah: For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and, behold, a greater than Jonah is here.”* (Matthew 12.39-41)

In 1 Peter we have this act of Jesus’ confirmed. *“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometimes were disobedient, when once the long-*

suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the Ark was a preparing...” (1 Pet. 3.18-19)

After being in the belly of the whale, repenting and being released, God tells Jonah, once more, to go and preach to Nineveh. This time Jonah does as he is told and is obedient to preach repentance to that great city. Due to his preaching, the whole city repented and God forgave them and stayed His judgment on them. *“And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil ways; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do unto them; and He did it not.”*

Now, here comes the strange part. Jonah’s flesh reared its ugly head again, this time in what seems to be a strange way. He was displeased and very angry that God didn’t bring judgment on Nineveh. He knew God would forgive this nation that he despised. In fact, he said to God, I told you so... *“O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before to Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.”*

He was so mad that his human pride got hold of him so he even wanted to die rather than face the humiliation of having preached judgment and not having it take place. Through his preaching a large city had been saved, but he fell back into the flesh; *“Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me: for it is better for me to die than to live.” (4:3)* Then the Lord questions Jonah by asking him if he thinks it is right for him to be angry. After this Jonah went just outside the city to see what was going

to happen to it. He made himself a little lean-to to watch from. To try to help him get over his grief and bitterness the Lord gave him a gourd to help shade him. Jonah was glad for the gourd. The next day, however, God sent a worm to eat the gourd. When the east wind and hot sun beat upon his head and he fainted, he became depressed again, wishing to die. *“It is better for me to die than to live.”* Once more God questions Jonah; *“...Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.”*

Jonah is like so many today who would rather hang on to depression, self-pity, anger, resentment and bitterness than be delivered from them. Jonah had been tossed to and fro like the ship we first see him in, he was tossed from the spirit to the flesh and back again. I think he might be like many Christians today who, without the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, find themselves being constantly tugged away from walking in the spirit, by the ways of the flesh. Instead of showing forth the fruits of the spirit they are controlled by the fruits of the flesh.*

What a frustrating way of life and Jonah is a good example for us to think about. First, he ran away, trying to hide or escape from God, an act of disobedience. When trouble struck and disaster threatened he repented. He told the truth about who he was, who his God was and what the men should do with him. The men were introduced to the true and living God and saved. What appeared to really be bad was turned around when Jonah repented. His repentance continued while he was in the belly of the whale. He cried out to God by reason of his affliction. He

confessed that God had brought his life from corruption. He pledged to sacrifice to the Lord with a voice of thanksgiving. He also proclaimed that salvation is of the Lord. It was after this that the Lord spoke to the fish and it vomited Jonah out on dry land. Once Jonah was out of the belly of the whale he was obedient to the Lord's call to go and to preach to Nineveh. Through his preaching, an entire large city was saved but immediately he fell right back into the flesh again. The spirits of anger, pride, self-pity and stubbornness overtook him right away.

Even when God questioned him he stubbornly replied the second time; *"I do well to be angry, even unto death!"* The book concludes with God trying to reason with Jonah. *"then said the Lord, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou has not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?"* The Living Bible puts it this way; *"then the Lord said, 'You feel sorry for yourself when your shelter is destroyed, though you did no work to put it there, and it is, at best, short-lived. And why shouldn't I feel sorry for a great city like Nineveh with its 120,000 people in utter spiritual darkness, and all its cattle?'"*

We are never told what finally happens to Jonah. Maybe he is left there because that is the way he ends up, just being tossed to and fro between the flesh and the spirit. Whatever his end was, he still had the wonderful place in history of having acted out Jesus' going into hell to preach to the spirits held captive there

since before the flood, who didn't have the promise of the Messiah.

All of the four cry baby giants are good examples in two ways. They were wonderfully and gloriously used of God for His purposes, especially His prophetic purposes and, they were pathetic when they allowed their flesh to rule over them. As I pointed out they all wanted to have their lives end, or in the case of Job wished he had never been born. The spirits of despondency, depression, and hopelessness seemed to get the better of them at some point in their walk. Yet they were able to recover and be delivered when they threw themselves on God's mercy and received His healing power.

Moses, Elijah and Job all went on to glorious things. Moses was able to get his people through the wilderness and caught a glimpse of the promised land, even though he wasn't allowed to enter it. And in Deuteronomy 34:5 & 6 we read; *"So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the Land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. And He (God) buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepulcher unto this day. And Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his natural forces abated. And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days."*

Elijah, as we have established earlier, was caught up to heaven without having seen death. A heavenly chariot was sent to personally carry him home. He was taken home in great glory, but he was also able to leave behind a double portion of the spirit

that had rested on him for his successor Elisha, through whom many other wonderful things were also performed.

Job had all things returned unto him. His live stock was doubled, he lived a hundred and forty years and saw his sons, and his sons' sons for four generations. Most of all he came to know God in a personal way, not just religiously. No longer by the hearing of the ear only, but the scales were removed from his eyes. He could now see himself, as well as God, as they were. He also represented mankind and our attempts to find righteousness. Job shows the possibility of actually being able to attain that righteousness by yielding our will to God's will. In recognizing who God is and that we know nothing compared to Him, we can have gifts beyond our wildest dreams. Job leaves us a great legacy, if we are willing, as he was, to learn.

So in one last recap; Moses was actually buried by God himself, Elijah was taken home in the greatest style and Job had a prosperous, wonderful earthly end. As I said before, we don't know what the end of Jonah was but he remained a well known prophet and was a sign for Jesus himself to use as a parallel to his own act of preaching in hell.

We can let these men be our examples. When our flesh or mind is attacked and, in weakness, we give way, don't feel that it can't be redeemed. As quickly as possible you should lean on the Lord with all your heart. Turn to Him as your strength and your salvation. He will see us through, even minister to us. Remember he sent an angel to Elijah; he will do the same for you. Because He understands our weaknesses, He will stand by us as He did these

giants of faith, if we are obedient and faithful to Him. The rewards awaiting us will be unspeakable. We should strive not to be cry-babies, but if it happens, don't feel hopeless or that you can not be forgiven, just remember God's cry-baby giants, Moses, Elijah, Job and Jonah. They were cry-babies in the flesh as we all are, but GIANTS in the Spirit, just as we all, with God's help, can be.

PRAISE THE LORD!

- **ENDNOTE:**

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

“And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.” Galatians 5:19-25