

John # 15

**“In the Spirit and Power of Elijah” (A Grace Believer) Part 2 *John 1:23-28; Isaiah 40:1-31***

**A ministry in the spirit and power of Elijah is one of complete dedication to the Lord, in which the Lord’s words are spoken to His people and His will is accomplished in spite of any and all opposition.**

Speaking God’s truth to God’s people cost Elijah greatly as will John but for the most part, that didn’t matter to them.

*Elijah and John were outcasts who had no interest or business in Jerusalem nor did they enjoy the comforts of what is considered normal life.*

Although John’s message, like Elijah’s was one of God’s discipline and judgment for disobedience, it was nonetheless a message of God’s grace from a grace believer to God’s cherished covenant people of Israel.

The spirit and power of Elijah is the character and influence of Elijah in turning the hearts of the people of Israel from idolatry back to their covenant God.

**A grace believer always remains oriented to grace and in so doing, doesn’t promote himself; he promotes the Lord Jesus.**

A grace believer is always relaxed because he’s oriented to God.

*The grace believer is only concerned with what God says about him and not with what man thinks of him or says about him.*

The grace believer doesn’t spend his time and energy proclaiming who he is or why he’s here, he just quietly goes about God’s business.

A grace believer is successful within God’s grace plan for him and therefore, success never negatively affects him.

**A grace believer always remains conscious of Jesus Christ being occupied mainly with Him; not himself, others, circumstances or things.**

**John’s glad to be in the desert for one reason: He knows God sent him there and he knows God will provide.**

John’s prepared because he has biblical truth in his soul and a gift from God to teach it and he knows God can and does change any minus into a plus in His plan.

*John didn’t go to Jerusalem where the crowds were; he chose rather to go where the Lord wanted him.*

Like with us, all John had to do was to be prepared with the Word of God and the rest was up to the Lord.

When believers are successful in the plan of God, it is because of Who and what God is and never who and what they are.

**The grace believer is promoted or magnified by God alone in His timing alone.**

**If the Lord does not promote us, we are not promoted.**

***Numbers 12:3 (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)***

**A grace believer understands Who and what the Lord is and that success in life comes from the Lord or it doesn't come at all.**