

## “Eternity’s Edge (3): Prelude to Persecution”

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### ☐ I Kings 18:38 – 19:4

- ◆ “\_\_\_\_\_ hath no \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_ scorned.” — William Congreves
- ◆ And so Elijah \_\_\_\_\_.

### ☐ Four lessons so we won’t:

- ◆ Lesson #1—Revival (return to the \_\_\_\_\_ God) always triggers \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - I Kings 19:2 LXX—“You belong to the \_\_\_\_\_ God — I belong to the \_\_\_\_\_ god — let’s see who’s still standing by tomorrow night!”
  - Revelation 17:3-6
  - *Great Controversy* 143: “\_\_\_\_\_ is the lot of all whom God employs to present truths specially applicable to their time.”
- ◆ Lesson #2—Revival (return to the \_\_\_\_\_ God) always precipitates \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - II Timothy 3:12—“All who desire to live \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus will suffer \_\_\_\_\_ .”
  - Persecution—opposition turned \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - Just like Liu Zhenying, “the Heavenly Man”
  - Revelation 12:17
  - Christian Solidarity International estimates that more Christians died for their faith in the 20<sup>th</sup> century than any other time in history—with \_\_\_\_\_ martyrs in a recent twelve-month period.
  - Look at the life and teachings of Jesus:
    - Matthew 5:11, 12
    - John 16:33
    - Mark 3:6
- ◆ Lesson #3—There is no \_\_\_\_\_ today because there is no \_\_\_\_\_ today.
  - *Great Controversy* 48: “Why is it, then, that persecution seems in a great degree to slumber? The only reason is that the church has conformed to the world’s standard and therefore awakens no opposition. The religion which is current in our day is not of the pure and holy character that marked the Christian faith in the days of Christ and His apostles. It is only because of [#1] the spirit of compromise with sin, because [#2] the great truths of the word of

God are so indifferently regarded, because [#3] there is so little vital godliness in the church, that Christianity is apparently so popular with the world. *Let there be a revival of the faith and power of the early church, and the spirit of persecution will be revived, and the fires of persecution will be rekindled.*"

- The point is not to see how different we can \_\_\_\_\_ —the point is to see how much like Jesus we can \_\_\_\_\_ .
- “Godly” means “God-like” and “God-like” is “Christ-like” and “Christ-like” is what revival is all about!
- *How can we live like that?*

◆ Lesson #4—It is the seventh prayer that is the secret to revival: “Not I, but \_\_\_\_\_ .”

- Why did Elijah have to pray seven times?
- “[Elijah] kept reviewing his life, to see where he had failed to honor God, he confessed his sins, and thus continued to afflict his soul before God. . . . As he searched his heart he seemed to be less, both in his own estimation and in the sight of God. It seemed to him that he was nothing and that God was everything; and when he reached the point of renouncing \_\_\_\_\_ , while he clung to the \_\_\_\_\_ as his only strength and righteousness, the answer came.” RH 5-26-91
- Just like Jesus in the Garden and on the cross
- Mt Carmel, Mt Calvary—same prayer, same surrender

*“Not I, but Christ”*

Hell, fury, woman, ran, Creator, opposition, Creator, sun, Opposition, Creator, persecution, godly, persecution, violent, 150,000, persecution, revival, be, become, You, self, Saviour,