

Sabbath School Lesson #2 – The Call of a Prophet – 3-9 October 2026

Christ came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. He receives and saves sinners, and then, having received them into his confidence, he sends them forth as His representatives, to carry his message of mercy to other sinners. This pattern is seen in the call of the prophet Isaiah. As soon as the Lord had cleansed Isaiah from sin, He called out, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" (Isaiah 6:8). It was a general question yet intended specially for the ears of Isaiah. Christ takes us as associates with Him.

Sunday: Abraham, Defender of the Covenant – Scripture says that Abram "believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness" (Genesis 15:6); how do you see the promise of the gospel powerfully revealed in this text; what hope can you take from this for yourself? When it is said that Abraham "believed in the Lord; and He counted it to him for righteousness" (Genesis 15:6), it is referring to faith in Christ, for Christ is the source of all faith. Faith has its beginning and end in Him. There can be no real faith that does not centre in Christ. When Abraham believed in the Lord, he believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. God has never been revealed to man except through Jesus Christ. The fact that Abraham's belief was personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, is further shown by the fact that it was counted unto him for righteousness. But there is no righteousness except through the faith of Jesus Christ. Our Lord Jesus Christ "is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30). No righteousness will be of any worth at the appearing of the Lord except "that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith" (Philippians 3:9). But since God Himself counted Abraham's faith for righteousness, then it is plain that his faith was centred in Christ alone, in whom he was made righteous.

Monday: The Elijah Message – Read 1 Kings 17 and 18; what is the Elijah message? "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4:5-6). Will you be an Elijah in these last days? God forbid you will be an Ahab! Let the Elijah turn the hearts of today's Adventists to the hearts of our Adventist pioneers, and from Baal to God.

The parallel of the first part of Elijah message to our time in Adventism today is strikingly shocking! Yet the trinity as the parallel to Baal is the Elephant in the room few dares point out! Whilst the first Commandment clearly says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:3), sadly, many Adventists suppose that to have a wrong doctrine concerning God and His Son, to worship the trinity gods, is not having other gods, and therefore they keep silent about it! Do you think that Elijah would keep silent while Israel worshipped Baal? Must Elijah today keep silent while Adventists worship the trinity gods that our Adventist pioneers rejected? The work of Elijah today is to turn the hearts of today's Adventists to their non-trinitarian Adventist pioneers in the worship of the true God. In this sealing time, the Elijah must call fellow Adventists from the worship of the trinity gods (the modern Baal).

The heart of the second part of the Elijah's message is to help people see that they are hung between two opinions. If we are to be true followers of God, we must follow the example of Elijah and set the truth before our Seventh-day Adventist Church, and then before the world. Elijah called the whole of Israel and rebuilt the altar (1 Kings 18:30-31). Let the Elijah call all Seventh-day Adventists to the worship of the true God. Remember that our Adventist pioneers rejected any concept that denied the actual Son-ship of Christ.

The third part of the message of Elijah is that the outpouring of the latter rain will occur on individuals. But first the people must be called to study the truth about the personality of the Father and His Son, and reject the trinity gods. Fear not the leaders of our Church, like Ahab, who remain joined to the trinity gods. When God is worshiped as He really is, He will pour out His Spirit. After Elijah called Israel to the truth, they repented (1 Kings 18:39-41). Even though Ahab remained joined to Jezebel and idolatry, he could no longer prevent the rain from falling on those who cried "The LORD, He is the God; the LORD!" The leaders of our Church may reject returning to the faith once held by our Adventist pioneers, they may cling to the trinity gods, but the latter rain will fall on those who repent of spiritual idolatry.

Tuesday: Isaiah, the Gospel Prophet – Read Isaiah 53; how can we make Jesus glad reading what the prophet has revealed about Christ's death for us? "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). Nothing can make Jesus glad than that "He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied" (Isaiah 53:11). To make Jesus glad, I ought to say, "I do not frustrate the grace of God; for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain" (Galatians 2:21). This is the summing up of the relationship of the law to Christ. If righteousness came by the law, then there would have been no use for the death of Christ. The law itself can do nothing except point out men's duty; therefore, to speak of righteousness coming by the law, means by our works, by our individual effort. So the text is equivalent to the statement that if we could save ourselves, Christ died for nothing; for salvation is the one thing to be gained. Well, we cannot save ourselves; and Christ is not dead in vain; therefore there is salvation in Him. He is able to save all that come unto God by Him. Some must be saved, else He has died in vain; but He has not died in vain; therefore, the promise is sure: "He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand, He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied" (Isaiah 53:10-11). "Whosoever will," may be of the number. Since He died not in vain, see to it "that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

Wednesday: Daniel, the Faithful Seer – Read Daniel 2:46-48; Daniel 4:18; Daniel 5:13-14; and Daniel 6:25-27; what was Daniel's character? Firmness of character, and loyalty to principle are esteemed even by the world. Daniel's course was such that he could not fail to be noted, and his prominence was only the advancement of truth. The fact that he made the request that he did, would call attention to him, and when it was seen that there was sound wisdom in his choice, the truth was exalted. The man who is recreant to the trust that God has placed in him in a critical time, is of no use. Such a one is passed by as one of the common herds. And the man who feebly makes known what he calls his principles, but puts them aside 'on this occasion,' brings contempt on himself, and causes his associates to think that there is no power in truth. May the God of Daniel make us all as faithful as he was! This He will do if we are willing that He should and have enough confidence in Him.

Thursday: John the Baptist, Preparing a People – Read Mark 1:2-5; what was the ministry of John the Baptist? John was a forerunner of Christ's first advent, his call and work were "to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:17). John was the greatest prophet that ever lived (Luke 7:24-28), yet he did not foretell any future event. He simply, quoted the Scriptures, and warned men to repent of their sins. He did no miracle (John 10:41) but preached the truth as it was recorded in the Bible. This is the characteristic of all the faithful who, living in the last days, are prepared for the coming of the Lord, and who give others knowledge in order that they may be prepared (1 Corinthians 12:1-6). Moses said, "would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them" (see Numbers 11:24-29). Now that such a state of things as Moses desired is possible, is seen in 1 Corinthians 14:1-5, 24-25, 31. As John on Patmos was about to worship the angel who showed him wonderful things, the angel said: "See thou do it not; I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren that hold the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 14:10). Now read this Revelation 12:17: "And the dragon was wroth went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." It is evident from this that the very same people who keep the commandments of God have also the Spirit of prophecy; and it is certain that all the people of God will keep the commandments of God; therefore it is also certain that every one of the people who are ready to receive the Lord when He comes, having finished the work that He gave them to do, will have the Spirit of prophecy.