

SEVEN THOUSAND SILENT SAINTS 1 KINGS 19

Text: 1 Kings 19:18

(1 Kings 19:18) "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him."

Introduction:

Elijah was a prophet of power. He had earnestly prayed and prevented rain. He prayed again and brought about a cloudburst. Then of course we remember the fire the fell from Heaven.

However now we see Elijah here in chapter 19 defeated and depressed. And God mentions these 7000 saints to try to cheer Elijah when he was feeling alone.

What we do know about these 7000 was that they belonged to God. They had not bowed a knee to Baal, and they had not kissed him. Their character was good, however their testimony was a different story.
Notice:

1. THE EFFECT OF THE SILENT SAINTS ON THE SERVANT OF GOD.

- A. Discouraged
- B. Defeated
- C. Downhearted

Results in lack of vision

2. THEIR EFFECT UPON THE FORCES OF EVIL

- A. No aggressive movement at all.
- B. They were only known by the things that they did not do
 - 1. Some Christians are just like them
- C. However the things that we do are as important as the things that we do not do.

3. THEIR EFFECT UPON EACH OTHER

- A. No evidence that anyone knew of the faith of the others.

Illustration: Acts 2 compared to 1 Kings 19

(120 present then 3000 then 8000)

B. Keeping silent often keeps others silent.

C. Our responsibility is to build up one another.

4. THE EFFECT ON THE LOST.

A. Many die and go to hell.

Close:

(Psalms 107:2) "Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;"