

# Flames of Faith Ascending Prayers



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## In My Heart and On My Mind

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I have had a certain theme on my heart and mind since the last Flames of Faith letter. The topic has built over a period of time and resurfaces as the Lord continues to reveal the truth to me. The topic is "Absolute Trust."

Absolute Trust requires the Absolute Absence of Fear. There is only one way to be free of fear while we are on this earth and so it is for everyone who is a believer or non-believer. Fear has been a fact of life for all of us since we were born. >

Most will admit they have a fear of something. Maybe for you it is heights or dogs, or germs. There is a never-ending list of phobia's that even the most well-meaning doctor's in their ignorance try to cure with medicine. But fact remains, Jesus is the only Way. He said, You believe in the Father, believe also in Me. Fear not, you are worth more than many sparrows and the Father's eye is even on one sparrow. Since this is true and we all admit that it is true, why do we doubt? So my greatest question is this. Do we believe in the Love of God our Father toward us to such a degree that "His perfect love casts out all fear?"

I say it like this because it is a challenge to you and to me from the Lord. Things will come our way to test our faith. Not just our faith to receive something in this material world but it will be a test of your Absolute Trust in the Absolute Love of the Father and His resolve to deliver you from all evil. Please notice the last line of 1 John 4:18. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love. >

Brothers and sisters in the Lord, I consider you my family. I speak these things to you in the Love of the Lord. I cannot cause fear in you nor can anyone or any thing else. If you feel fear in your heart it is a gauge to show you where you are on the meter of Absolute Trust in the Absolute Love of the Father and the Absolute Power of the Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

John 15:13 tells us...Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

My family, keep yourselves in the Love of God.

~ Jewells ~

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Mount of Migdal in Northern Israel

To sorrows depth the heart retreats  
To place so lost that none can see  
Yet soul to Thee in secret cries  
In You alone there are no lies.  
You draw me forth to heaven's gate  
Where Light and Love forever wait.  
To bring this grace to heaven's earth  
In me You live,  
For You I search.  
And in this quest I'll find Your Peace  
And in the midst a sweet release.  
Reveal to me the opened hand  
That makes me know what You have planned.

~J. Ellen Wells~

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Here is the next Chapter of *The Gardener's Heir*! Enjoy!

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Gardener's



Heir

*J.E. Wells*

*Part Two*

*Chapter Six*

*Heir Defense*

I Kings 21:1-3

*And it came to pass after these things, that Na'both the Jez're-el-ite had a vineyard, which was in Jez're-el, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. And Ahab spake unto Na'both, saying, "Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or if it seems good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money."*

*And Na'both said to Ahab, "The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee."*

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In this chapter we take a slightly different path from the garden. It is about the desire of the enemy and the defense of the inheritance. In this chronicle I have many heroes. The one I admire the most is Na'both. I will tell you his story and you will probably feel the same. As in any good narrative, there are other important characters. Three in particular stand out: Elijah, Jehu, and another of my favorites, Jonadab. These three each had a role in overcoming the enemy on behalf of Na'both who gave his life in order to hold fast to his inheritance. The villains in this saga are Ahab and Jez-e-bel.

I Kings 21:1

*"And it came to pass after these things, that Na'both had a vineyard."*

This is the way it starts. *"And it came to pass after these things"* tells us that something happened first and because of that, these things came to pass next. So, let's back up and see what happened.

There was a king. Let's call him Ba-a-sha king of Israel. Ba-a-sha was very evil and he went up against the king of Judah whose name was Asa. Now Ba-a-sha decided that he was going to block the path to Judah by building a town and he named it Ramah. This was evil in the sight of the Lord because Ba-a-sha was preventing the children of Israel from going to Judah to worship during the Holy Feast Days.

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In fact Ba-a-sha continued the traditions of Jeroboam who was very, very evil in that he forced the children of Israel to worship idols and placed devilish high priests in the temples of the false gods. Terrible occult paganism took place. You can read all about this in **1 Kings 15**.

This is where our first defender enters the picture. His name is Jehu. In **1 Kings 16** the Word of the Lord comes to Jehu and speaks against Ba-a-sha.

#### **1 Kings 16:7**

*And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu, the son of Hanani came the word of the Lord against Ba-a-sha, and against his house, even for all the evil he did in the sight of the Lord, in provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him (Jeroboam).*

The rest of **Chapter 16** is filled with intrigue, treason, and villainy. The word spoken against Ba-a-sha and his family by the Lord comes to pass even from generation to generation when finally a new king is appointed by the people. His name is Omri and he built what we call today, Samaria. But Omri was so evil that the Lord tells us in **1 Kings 16:25** that:

*Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the Lord, and “worse than all” that were before him.*

Herein enters our villains. Ahab, the son of Omri reigned after the death of Omri in the land of Samaria. In the scripture, the Lord compares the evil of Ahab to his father Omri by saying that:

#### **1 Kings 16:30-31**

*Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord “above all” that were before him. And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam that he took to wife Jez-e-bel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians (who were especially wicked), and went and served Ba-al, and worshipped him.*

On the heels of our introduction to Ahab and Jez-e-bel we have the entrance of the Prophet Elijah who is presented to us during his first confrontation with Ahab and the declaration that rain will not fall but according to his word (**1Kings 17:1**).

So, now we have Ahab, Jez-e-bel, Jehu, and Elijah. Jonadab plays an important role in this adventure but he does not enter until he is needed.

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In **Chapter 18** we start three years later. No rain has fallen according to Elijah's words, a terrible famine has developed, and Jez-e-bel has taken revenge by slaughtering the prophets of the Lord. So once again the Lord tells Elijah to go and show himself to Ahab and rain will be restored. But in the process many things happen. A challenge goes forth as to who is the true God and a contest takes place between the prophets of Baal and Elijah as to whose God will consume the sacrifice. After much ado, the Lord our God wins.

Then, in the power and might given to Elijah from on High, Elijah slays the prophets of Ba-al and those that also served Jez-e-bel. There were 450 prophets of Ba-al and 400 prophets of the groves that ate at Jez-e-bel's table. As a result of this, Jez-e-bel was enraged and she swore in her vengeance that Elijah would be dead by the same time the following day. This is where **Chapter 19** begins and where Elijah *arose and went for his life*.

In the course of fleeing from Jez-e-bel, Elijah also tries to isolate himself from the Lord. He ends up weak and depressed and inside a cave which is more than symbolic. But, the Lord comes and questions Elijah and then Elijah is strengthened and encouraged and receives new instructions.

#### 1 Kings 19:15-17

*And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou come, anoint Haz-a-el to be king of Syria:*

*And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel*

*And Elisha, son of Shaphat shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room (in place of).*

*And it shall come to pass that him that escapes the sword of Haz-a-el shall Jehu slay:*

*And him that escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elijah slay.*

Okay, so God has a plan and now it has been revealed to Elijah. Now Elijah understands the players involved too. He has to anoint three people to continue the plan of the Lord. Again they are, Haz-a-el to be king of Syria, Jehu to be king of Israel and Elisha to be prophet of God in his place.

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This conversation that Elijah had in the cave with the Lord must have been pretty deep. These scriptures also show us that this is when Elijah was told what was going to happen to him and to anoint his replacement. I also surmise that Elijah must have been weak from fasting and the Angel of the Lord fed him twice to strengthen him. It's a worthy account to read and is full of truth. Anyway, let's go on because we are getting so close to the vineyard of Na'both.

In **Chapter 20 of 1 Kings**, we find that the current king of Syria is Ben-hadad. So this is the king that Hazael is supposed to replace once Elijah anoints him for the kingship. Also, the current king of Israel is Ahab whom Jehu is supposed to replace once Elijah anoints him. But first, Elijah anoints Elisha (**Chapter 19**).

After this a serious skirmish breaks out between Ben-hadad of Syria and Ahab king of Israel. Ben-hadad makes the mistake of taunting the Lord God by saying that He is a God of limitations. That is not a good thing to say to the Living God. So the Lord sends a prophet of God and tells Ahab exactly what He wants Ahab to do.

He tells him that all this multitude of Ben-hadad of Syria will be destroyed. So in the throws of battle one-hundred thousand footmen were killed in one day and when the others fled, a wall fell on them and twenty-seven thousand of them were killed. But Ben-hadad flees for his life and seeks out a way to endear himself to Ahab. Ben-hadad corrupts Ahab with flatteries and then promises Ahab that everything will be restored to him. So Ahab *calls him brother* and offers his hand to Ben-hadad "*causing him to come up into the chariot.*"

I Kings 20:33-34

*Now the men did diligently observe whether anything would come from him, and did hastily catch it: and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad.*

*Then he (Ahab) said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he (Ahab) caused him to come up into the chariot.*

*And Ben-hadad said unto him (Ahab), The cities which my father took from thy father, I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made for thee in Samaria.*

*Then said Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.*

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At this point, I find it necessary to say that if you look at this in light of prophecy you will see much explanation of what is stated in the Book of Daniel and in the Book of Revelation. Believe me when I say, this is of vital importance for the time we live in because we are talking about *The Gardener's Heir* and *The Inheritance* that the enemy wants to take from you.

But, what has happened? Ben-ha-dad was supposed to be destroyed and Elijah was to anoint Haz-a-el to be king of Syria. So the enemy has thrown a fly in the ointment sort of speak and this is not setting well with our Father. It doesn't take long for the Lord to send a prophet to Ahab and here are the words of the Lord.

1 Kings 20:42-43

*And he said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.*

*And the king of Israel (Ahab) went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.*

So now you have the nut-shell version of the story that leads us to Na'both.

Na'both was a precious soul that lived in a time of great evil. Ahab and Jez-e-bel represent the epitome of wickedness, witchcraft, perversion, and blatant rebellion against the Lord. Not only did they engage in such activity but forced those in the kingdom to behave in the same manner. They were atrocious in their deeds.

And then we see Na'both who had a vineyard and his vineyard was pressed hard against the palace of Ahab. Oh but I am getting ahead of my self. We will talk more about that in the next chapter but let's look one more time at the opening line of **Chapter 21**.

1 Kings 21:1

*And it came to pass, after these things...*

I just love this story. But it is more than a story. It is the actual, factual, account of Na'both and of those who became the Lord's *Heir Defense*.

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*For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord:*

*Walk as children of light:*

*For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;*

*Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.*

*Ephesians 5:8-10*

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*Finally Brethren Whatever you do, Do it with all  
your might. As unto the Lord and from Him will  
be your reward!*

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