

# THE DAYS OF ELIJAH

SITTING ON THE FENCE

OR

'LIMPING WITH TWO DIFFERENT  
OPINIONS'

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The **White House Chief of Staff** has traditionally been the highest-ranking employee of the **White House**. The chief of staff's position is a modern successor to the earlier role of the president's private secretary. The role was formalized as the assistant to the president in 1946 and acquired its current name in 1961.



# WHO KNOWS/PERHAPS

- ▣ 'For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's house will perish. And WHO KNOWS whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?' Est 4 v 14
- ▣ 'PERHAPS this why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever,' Philemon v 15

## Ecc 5 v 2

- ▣ 'God is heaven, you are on the earth, therefore let your words be few.'

# TODAY

- ▣ 'As the LORD of hosts LIVES, before who I STAND, I will surely show myself to him TODAY.' 1 Kings 18 v 15
- ▣ 'Zachaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house TODAY.' Luke 19 v 5
- ▣ 'TODAY salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.' v 9.

# TROUBLE

- ▣ 'Is it you, you TROUBLER of Israel? I have not TROUBLED Israel; but you have,' 1 Ki 18 v 17
- ▣ 'You have brought TROUBLE on me by making me odious to the inhabitants of the land,' Gen 34 v 30, Simeon and Levi to Jacob.
- ▣ 'My father has TROUBLED the land,' 1 Sam 14 v 29, Jonathan of Saul.
- ▣ 'Achan, the TROUBLER of Israel,' 1 Ch 2 v 7







# SITTING ON THE FENCE

- ▣ 'How long will you go LIMPING with two different opinions?'
- ▣ 'If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, follow him.'

# Deut 30 v 19

- ▣ 'I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore chose life, that you and your descendants may live.'

## James 1 v 6-8

- ▣ 'If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways, will receive anything from the Lord.'

# LIMPING

- ▣ 'How long will you go LIMPING with two different opinions?' v 21
- ▣ 'And they LIMPED about the altar which they had made.' v 26
- ▣ 'the woman Jezebel, .... beguiling my servants to practice immorality etc' Rev 2 v 20
- ▣ '...he fell, and became LAME. And his name was Mephibosheth.' 2 Sam 4 v 4

# FIRE FROM HEAVEN

- ▣ ‘..and the God who answers by fire, he is God.’
- ▣ ‘Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; and he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.’ Gen 19 v 24-25

# 'O Baal, answer us!'

- ▣ 'But there was no voice, and no one answered.'  
v 26
- ▣ 'but there was no voice; no one answered, no one heeded.' v 29

# 'Come near to me.'

- ▣ 'And he repaired the altar of the LORD,'
- ▣ 'Elijah took twelve stones'
- ▣ 'And he made a trench about the altar'
- ▣ 'And he put wood in order'
- ▣ 'and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood'
- ▣ 4 jars of water, 3 times, trench full of water

# The Prayer of Elijah

- ▣ 'O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have TURNED their hearts back.'

v 36-37



# 'Behold a LITTLE cloud'

- ▣ 'the LITTLE cake'
- ▣ 'the LITTLE maid'
- ▣ 'Bethlehem, LITTLE in Judah
- ▣ 'the grain of mustard seed, the 'LEAST'
- ▣ The Lord Jesus Christ, 'the LEAST' of his brethren

# Jeremiah 12 v 5

- ▣ 'If you have raced with men on foot, and they have wearied you, how will you compete with horses?'