

A DEVOTED FOLLOWER

SO AHAB SUMMONED OBADIAH, WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE PALACE. (OBADIAH WAS A DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF THE LORD).

1 KINGS 18:3

AHAB HAS THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE MOST EVIL KING IN THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL. HIS WIFE, JEZEBEL, IS ONE OF THE MOST NOTORIOUS NAMES IN THE BIBLE, EVEN APPEARING AGAIN IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION. TOGETHER, THEY WERE THE ULTIMATE WICKED POWER COUPLE.

A MAN NAMED OBADIAH, WHO WAS A DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF THE LORD, WAS EMPLOYED IN THIS EVIL PALACE AS A SERVANT TO THE WICKED KING AHAB. HIS BOSS'S WIFE MURDERED FOLLOWERS OF THE LORD. DO YOU THINK OBADIAH LOVED WHERE HE WORKED? DO YOU THINK HE WAS HAPPY IN HIS JOB?

IF WE ARE NOT CAREFUL, WE WILL THINK OUR JOB IS FOR OUR OWN PERSONAL FULFILLMENT. WE MAY THINK THAT IF WE ARE WORKING WITH TERRIBLE PEOPLE IN A TERRIBLE ENVIRONMENT, IT IS NOT THE WILL OF THE LORD FOR US TO BE THERE. LIKE DANIEL, ESTHER, NEHEMIAH, OBADIAH, AND OTHERS, THE LORD NEEDS HIS PEOPLE EVEN IN PLACES OF DARKNESS. THE LORD PLACES HIS FAITHFUL SERVANTS IN POSITIONS OF SERVICE, EVEN TO THE VERY ENEMIES OF HIS PEOPLE.

OBADIAH, BECAUSE OF HIS INSIDE INFORMATION AND ACCESS TO WEALTH WAS ABLE TO SAVE 100 PROPHETS FROM JEZEBEL, HIDING THEM AND FEEDING THEM UNTIL THE DANGER PASSED.

INSTEAD OF USING OUR PRAYER TIME TO ASK FOR DELIVERANCE FROM THE JOB OR ENVIRONMENT WE ARE IN, LET'S USE OUR TIME IN PRAYER TO ASK THE LORD TO USE US TO FURTHER HIS GREAT STORY.

*Father, I may plan my way,
But you direct my path.
Use me right where I am, I pray.*

- LORD, MY CIRCUMSTANCES MAY NOT BE IDEAL. I LAY THEM AT YOUR FEET. I YIELD TO YOUR PURPOSES IN THE MIDST OF MY DISCOMFORT. CHANGE ME AS I DEPEND ON YOU. USE ME TO REFLECT YOU RIGHT WHERE I AM. HELP ME NOT TO RUN, BUT FIND YOUR NEARNESS EACH DAY.