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How “Plan A” Stays in Play

Lesson 17 • 1Kings 19:15-21

God’s Grace Is More Than Enough for Us to Remain Loyal When There Is No “Plan B”!

But the Good News gets even better, because “Plan A” stays in play by this same sovereign grace!

“Plan A” Stays in Play by God’s Sovereign Grace!

1. God’s Sovereign Grace Chooses WHOM He Will Use So “Plan A” Stays in Play.

1Kings 19:15-16

*“Elijah’s job wasn’t just to fight well in the present but to prepare others for the future. God teaches Elijah (and us) that no one is indispensable.”
– Tony Merida*

God’s Sovereign Grace Chooses to...

- Anoint Hazael to be king over ARAM/SYRIA. (15)

Who is Hazael? “El/God Is Seeing” 2Kings 8:13

How did this “anointing” happen? 2Kings 8:7-15

Who did this “anointing” and why? Isaiah 44:28-45:6

When did Hazael become the King of Aram/Syria?

- Sometime between **845 – 841 B.C.** and he ruled for about **40 years**.

How will King Hazael impact Israel’s Kingdom?

- He will be one of the most powerful kings of Aram/Syria and be one of Israel’s most brutal enemies. In fact, when Elisha **breaks the news** to Hazael that he will become king, Elisha **breaks down** in tears for the LORD has told him what **brutal judgment** he will bring upon the LORD’s people!

- Anoint *Jehu* to be king over ISRAEL. (16)

Who is Jehu? “Yahweh Is He (Who Is God?)” 2Kings 9:20

How did this “anointing” happen? 2Kings 9:1-10

Who did this “anointing”?

When did Jehu become the King of Israel?

- Around **841 B.C.** and he ruled for about **28 years**.



How will King Jehu impact the dynasty of Ahab? 2Kings 9:12-14

"...Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab." 2Chronicles 22:7

- Anoint *Elisha* to be prophet in Elijah's **PLACE**. (16)

Who is Elisha? "My God is Salvation"

How did this "anointing" happen? 1Kings 19:19-21

Who did this "anointing"?

When did Elisha become a prophet in Elijah's place?

How will the Prophet Elisha impact Elijah and Israel?

2. God's Sovereign Grace Chooses HOW He Will Work So "Plan A" Stays in Play.

1Kings 19:17-18

God's Sovereign Grace at Work...

- In **CONDEMNATION**. (17)

God's grace works to **DELAY** judgment for undeserving rebels but does not **DENY** judgment will eventually come.

The LORD had already **DELAYED** His wrath for *nearly 100 years*.

The LORD will **DELAY** His judgment by King Hazael for *another 20-25 years*.

The LORD will **DELAY** His judgment of Ahab and his dynasty *until after Ahab himself dies*.

The LORD will **DELAY** the final conquest and captivity of the Northern Kingdom of Israel for *100 more years!*

The LORD is still **DELAYING** the Final Judgment since Christ's First Coming for over *2,000 years!* 2Peter 3:1-10

- For **SALVATION**. (18)

God's grace works for salvation **THROUGH** judgment this side of the Final Judgment.

- Through **ELECTION**. (18)

God's grace means His election is **SURE** and His calling is irrevocable. **Romans 11:1-6, 11-16, 28-31**

"No matter how wicked the world scene may appear, God always has a remnant that is faithful to Him. Sometimes that remnant is small, but God is always great and accomplishes His purposes." – Warren Wiersbe

In the words of Paul, "God's solid foundation stands firm, having this inscription: The Lord knows those who are His" (2 Tim 2:19). The doctrine of God's electing grace should give encouragement to depressed servants. – Tony Merida

Romans 8:33-39; Acts 18:9-10; Matthew 24:21-22, 30-31; Luke 18:6-8

- According to **REVELATION**. (19-21)

God's grace brings revelation through **MEDIATION**. **Romans 10:14-17; Hebrews 1:1-4**

By God's Grace "PLAN A" Is Still in Play So Don't Delay!

Respond today to the revelation of God's saving grace in Jesus Christ and His gospel!

- The LORD is **still graciously delaying** His final judgment but don't mistake delay for a denial that it will come.
- He is **still graciously calling** out His elect remnant by the sovereign Word of the Gospel so respond today.
 - He is **still graciously sending** His imperfect people to share the good of news of God's saving grace in Christ Jesus.
 - He is **still graciously showing Himself** to be faithful in the past, sovereign over the future, and merciful in the present!