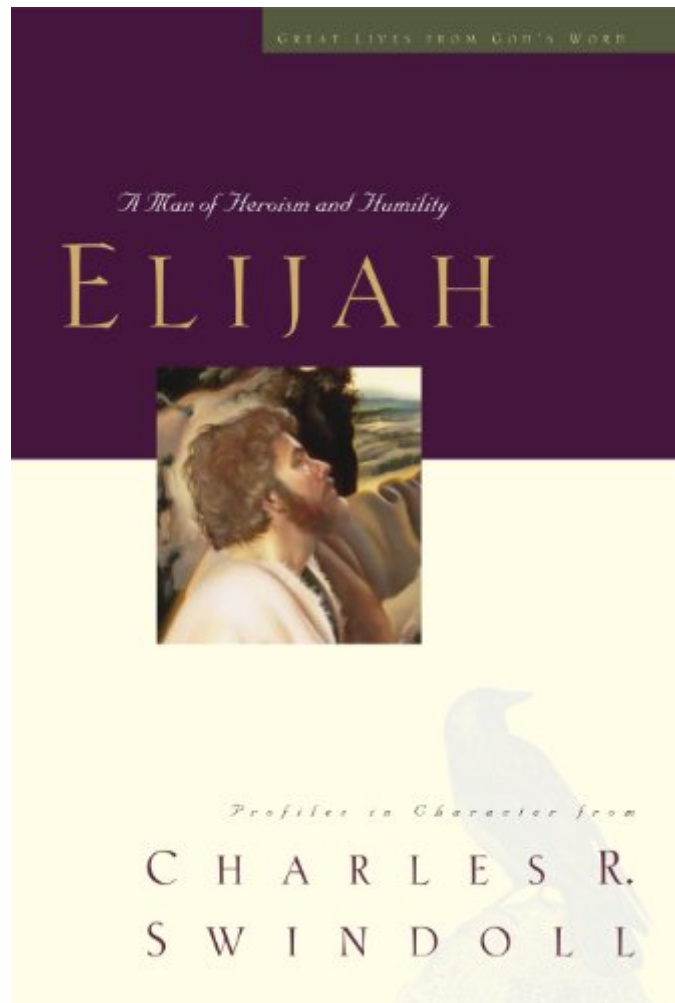


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Elijah: A Man Of Heroism And Humility (Great Lives Series)



Synopsis

Where are great leaders like Elijah today? Uncompromisingly strong, yet self-controlled. Disciplined, yet forgiving. Audaciously courageous, yet kind. Heroic in the heat of battle, yet humble in the aftermath. We see a few such men and women, but the list is tragically short. Rarely does someone model these invaluable traits more obviously than God's mighty prophet Elijah, whose calling was anything but calm and free from conflict. Nevertheless, as you are about to discover in this book, Elijah exemplified true heroism and genuine humility amid the relentless pressure of battle. *Elijah: A Man of Heroism and Humility* is the fifth volume in the best-selling *Great Lives from God's Word* series by Charles Swindoll. The series also includes such powerful biographies as Joseph, David, Esther, and Moses. Exploring the depths of Elijah's fascinating life as a prophet of God, Swindoll does not gloss over his human weaknesses; rather, he presents an honest picture of this ordinary man who God transformed into His personal spokesman to confront idolatry and evil in the ancient world. You will find that it's a life worth emulating. In a world that has lost its way, due in part to the lack of balanced, godly leadership, we are more than ever in need of a few Elijah-like men and women who are not afraid to live courageously among their peers as they walk humbly with their God. "May this book establish deep within you a desire to stand strong for what is right as you bow low before Him who is worthy of your trust and obedience." -Charles Swindoll

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Customer Reviews

I went into this read with little or no expectations. After all what else can be said about Elijah that hasn't been said already?? Well let me tell you that Swindoll found a way to breathe life into an old story. It was more than a book, more than a read. It was more like a sneaky way of writing a devotional that challenges your soul at the end of every chapter. I hated picking up the book for 2 reasons: It stirred areas in my soul that I had forgotten to take care off. And that with the reading of a new chapter I was getting closer to the end. I will be reading the book again but at a snail's pace so as not to miss a drop from this refreshing book.

Contrary to other reviews, I really enjoyed this book in the Great Lives Series by Swindoll. The book is an excellent encouragement to stand firm in the Lord even when others are compromising. Among the excellent points Swindoll mentions are: 1. Lessons to be learned from Elijah's life. 2. Principles about God's leading. 3. Trust in the Lord and spend time alone with Him. 4. Reasons why Elijah may have been intimidated by Jezebel. 5. Do not let self-sufficiency replace your dependence on God! 6. Elijah had to learn self-denial and to rely on God instead of himself. 7. Living in sin will make you unsure and indecisive. 8. God will often use tests to shape us into His likeness. Again, these are just a few of the many excellent points mentioned in the book. An excellent supplement to the Bible, I highly recommend it!

So far I have read Elijah, David, and Moses. All three are excellent, but Elijah has been my favorite. If you are a Christian looking for a way to have more of God and draw closer to Him. Elijah will be of great benefit to you. Elijah was a man with a great anointing on His life and was selfless and dedicated to obedience. Charles Swindoll does show a balanced view of Elijah's weaknesses and strengths. Swindoll has a way of getting into the skin of each person he is studying. It was easy for me to relate to Elijah on a personal level because Charles Swindoll has a way of reflecting the human qualities of this giant for God along with the supernatural nature of God that lives within each of us. I enjoyed reading this book slowly so as not to miss one drop. :}

Elijah arrives on the scene in such a subtle and quiet manner that no one sees him coming. Elijah comes to Israel and declares a drought in front of King Ahab (1 Kings 17). After Elijah delivers his news, The Lord tells him to go hide by Brook Cherith where he will supply all his needs. Elijah remains there until The Lord instructs him to go find this widow who will take care of him. The widows son becomes ill and Elijah must use his divine powers to bring her son back to life. The Lord instructs Elijah to go back to Samaria where he must prove The Lord is God. The people of Israel are worshippers of Baal, therefore Elijah is given the task of showing how powerful his god is. Elijah brings their God to shame, then is threatened by Jezebel, so The Lord instructs him to go to Horeb where he gives a servant Elisha. There is so much power given to Elijah but he never uses it for his own glory. He really tried to help the people of Israel because by serving idol Gods this will lead to their destruction. After Elijah has done the work of The Lord, he is taken to heaven by a whirlwind. The book itself is very informative but there is A LOT of unnecessary information that drags the book along. I appreciate the added information provided but I would love to have the book stay on topic.

I love Swindoll's books, just like I love his teaching. I have been listening to him and reading his books since the early 80s when I first began turning towards the Lord. Chuck Swindoll has a way of putting things that really gets the point across, and his writing style is friendly and warm, even familiar -- just like his teaching style on the radio. Excellent book, as are all the books in this series!

I love Chuck Swindoll very much. Such a happy Christian, and a really great story-teller. But I was disappointed in this book, because it lacks exegetical depth. A lot of personal stories and suggested life lessons, but not deeply rooted in salvation history. Here and there I found an insight or a quote that was useful, but I was not able to use it as a primary source for the preparation of a sermon series.

I never read a book that I had to take notes on until now. So I purchased this book not expecting too much of anything but what I got was wisdom, confirmation, knowledge and encouragement. I prayed and asked God to speak to me through this book and as I'm reading currently on chapter 2. I have so much fire burning within and I can't believe it.....so worth the money

Wonderful book so far. I'm juggling between this and another for a specific subject in demonic spirits Elijah faced and this author and minister is one of my favorites. I have read David and Esther of his

series and absolutely wonderful and learning a ton from all of hi books.

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