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LIFE OF ELIJAH

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I Kings 18:16 – 20

What Is Causing All The Trouble?

What is causing all the trouble - **THEN?**

◎ **1. Covenant Compromise**

- *“You and your father’s house . . .”*
- Jeroboam’s rejection of God’s promises – to the Fathers, and to himself

**Jeroboam –
1 Kings 12:26-28**

*Building calf
idols*

**Fear,
Anxiety**

**Self -Defined by
people's opinions**



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◎ **Covenant Compromise**

- *“You and your father’s house . . .”*
- God keeps His covenant promises – therefore, no rain. Dt. 11.
- **Trouble:** No rain = no harvest, no life.

What is causing all the trouble - **TODAY**?

- ◎ Me and my father's family.
 - F.O.L.D. = **F**amily of **O**origin **L**ove **D**eficits = Sub-optimal thinking about relationships
- ◎ **Remedy**: salvation in Christ
 - Believing His promises – 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 16:33
 - Choosing the fullness of Grace and Truth in family relationships

Growing into the Fullness of Jesus

TRUTH

LOVE

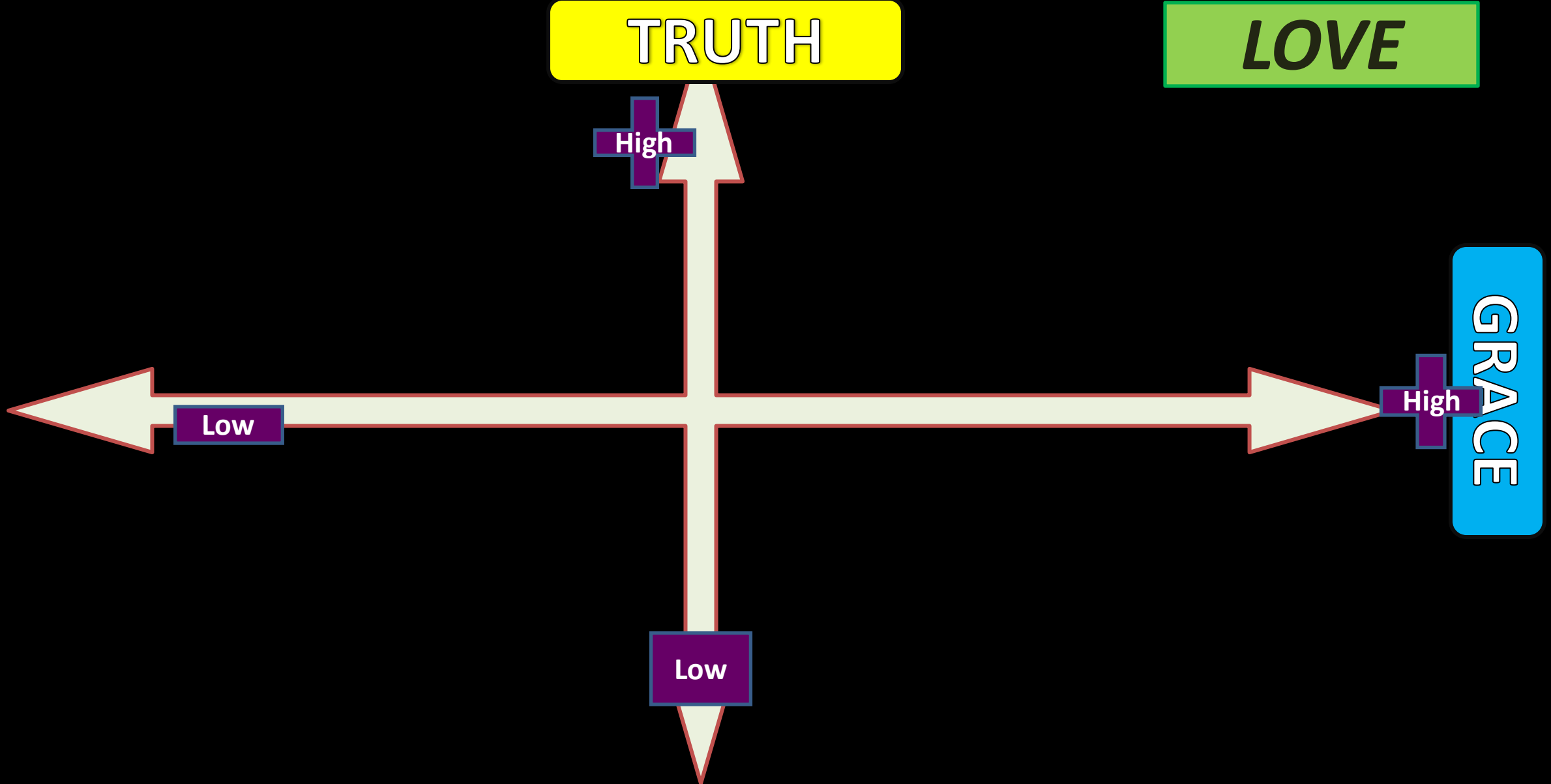
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TOUGHNESS

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**I must remain in control:
Anger → *FIGHT!***

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GRACE

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Contempt → FLIGHT

INDIFFERENCE

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APPEASEMENT

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"I must release control"
FAITH → HS Fruit

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What redeems trouble - today?

- Ask God to break patterns of lie based emotions that cause trouble
- Practice promise based prayer for all people and situations
- Elijah – a FAMILY prophet: Malachi 4; Luke 1

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◎ **2. Doctrinal Departure –**

- *“Abandoned the Lord’s Commandments. . .”*
- Jeroboam’s syncretism: Loss of Israel’s role as a *Light To The Nations*, of the true and living God. Exodus 19.

Causing Trouble **NOW?**

- ◎ **Theological Liberalism:** Bible is a merely human book, contains myths and factual errors, harmful doctrines.
- ◎ No metanarrative = no need for salvation, evangelism, missions, mercy, moral leadership
- ◎ **Trouble:** unsaved families, empty churches, confusion of church & government roles

Modern Remedy

- **Promote** the evidences for God's design in creation. Genesis 1 – 11 is **historical**, not mythological.

“GENERAL REVELATION”

- **Affirm** the Bible as God's authentic, inerrant, historic, voluntary self-disclosure.

“SPECIAL REVELATION”

Modern Remedies

- **Maintain** the holiness of God, the depth of sin, and the **gospel of Jesus as only means of reconciliation:** John 14:6
- **Be alert to** incremental apostasy development, and watch for inside and outside 'wolves:'
Acts 20:28-30

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◎ **3. Institutional Idolatry**

- *“Followed the Baals”*
- State enforced **worship of Baal, Ashteroth**
- Marriage to **Jezebel**, a Canaanite wife
- **Trouble:** death of the Lord’s prophets
- **Trouble:** the loss of the first Constitutional Republic in the history of the world.

- The loss of Israel's Constitutional republic due to the trouble started by Ahab's **father's family** caused centuries of **Trouble** in the world: people **following varieties** of 'Baal's.
- The **Light To The Nations** went dark.
- Why did the **Baals** and all other world **religions** never produce a Constitutional Republic? Man's darkened mind produces faulty ideas about the nature and purpose of government
- Instead of Lex > Rex, the world favors Rex > Lex.

- Beginning with the gospel, and after nearly 1800 years of Biblical influence on culture, especially The Reformation and Great Awakening events, a second Constitutional Republic was formed in America.
- How did Christianity produce that?
- Who was the 'Elijah' causing 'trouble' for the ruling 'Ahab'?

The 'Black Regiment' causing 'Trouble' in the colonies:

Speaking of the resistance in the colonies to increasing taxes and rules, King George III said: "I fix all the blame for these extraordinary proceedings on **the Presbyterians**. They are always . . . acting [from] an **anti-monarchial** spirit."

"No Taxation without **representation**" – Why?

PRESBYTERIAN

Representative =

Rule by elected elders.
'consent of the governed' in a
'mini-republic' i.e. a local
congregation.

"John Calvin is the virtual
founder of America."

- Leopold Van Ranke,
20th c. historian

EPISCOPAL

Hierarchical =

Rule by Popes,
Bishops, Priests

CONGREGATIONAL

Democratic =

Rule by entire
congregation

“Cousin America has run off with a **Presbyterian** parson!” – Horace Walpole, British Prime Minister, 1776.

Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon, **Presbyterian** President of Princeton.

British assassination attempt - Dec. 6, 1776

Witherspoon trained: 1 president, 1 vice-president, 21 senators, 29 representatives, 56 state legislators, 30 federal judges, 3 supreme court judges.

"The highest glory of the **American** revolution was this: it connected in One indissoluble bond the **principles of civil Government** with the **principles of Christianity.**" John Quincy Adams

What **principles**?

No other *revolution* has resulted in *Freedom*, because no other was *rooted in scripture* and the *gospel*.

No other revolution was based on *individual self-government* and *liberty of conscience*.

Remedies for the Trouble caused by lies:

- ⦿ Regular *Family* 'Covenant' Renewal
- ⦿ Regularly Teach Historic Doctrinal truths
- ⦿ Return to Original Institutional Purposes
- ⦿ Promote Biblical truth about
 - the *nature* of Government: *instituted by God*
 - the *purpose* of Government: the *rule of law* and *justice*.
 - *Pray* for all in all levels of authority: 1 Timothy 2

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