

The Heart for His Children
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He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. **(Luke 1:17 NKJV)**

John the Baptist had the Spirit and power of Elijah.

So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?" **(I Kings 17:18 NKJV)**

Elijah prayed down fire not to change people but to destroy them.

He must increase, but I must decrease. **(John 3:30 NKJV)**

For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. **(Matthew 11:13, 14 NKJV)**

John the Baptist operated in the spirit and power of Elijah.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." **(Malachi 4:5, 6 NKJV)**

John the Baptist was not Elijah incarnated, he operated in the spirit and power of Elijah.

And they answered him, He was an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, it is Elijah the Tishbite. **(2 Kings 1:8 KJV)**

Now John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. **(Matthew 3:4 NKJV)**

Remember John came out on the banks of the Jordan same place Elijah went up.

John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **(Luke 3:16 NKJV)**

Jesus spoke of John for a purpose in **Matthew 11:13**
John spoke of Jesus for a purpose in **Luke 3:16**.

And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" **(Luke 9:54 NKJV)**

So Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. So Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. **(II Kings 1:10, 12 NKJV)**

The Spirit and power of Elijah was never to change you, it was to kill you.

But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village. **(Luke 9:55, 56 NKJV)**

With the Spirit and power of Elijah working in the church, we can blame God for everything. The very thing He rebuked the disciples for.

Jesus came to save men's lives not to destroy them. How does God discipline us?

My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor detest His correction; For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights. **(Proverbs 3:11, 12 NKJV)**

Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty. **(Job 5:17 NKJV)**

Chastening is the Hebrew word for "discipline".

Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, And teach out of Your law,
(Psalms 94:12 NKJV)

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are
healed. **(Isaiah 53:5 NKJV)**

How could God be just if He placed all on Jesus for your peace, and then places
all that on you?

For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he
delights. **(Proverbs 3:12 NKJV)**

Father corrects the Son in whom He delights.

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of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to
make ready a people prepared for the Lord. **(Luke 1:17 NKJV)**

We don't hear about dead beat moms. The Bible never says, " Mom loses heart
for her Son."

A Dad that loves and cherishes his children has a high confidence of what God
thinks of him. If you want to bring a Man back women, it is not thru romance
or affection. But sense of self-worth, affirmation, or importance of what Christ
feels about him.

We don't have the spirit of Elijah; we have the spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of
sin and death. **(Romans 8:2 NKJV)**

I think that it is possible that we want the Spirit and Power of Elijah for the
church today, but the Spirit and Power of Elijah didn't change anyone, it
destroyed them. Do we want to see people destroyed. We pray for the Spirit
and Power of Elijah, but what results do we want? Jesus rebuked His disciples
for that.

If we are going to win the world, we must have the heart of the Father for Sons.