

Scripture to read: 2 Kings 1:2-7**Elijah who brought down fire from heaven**

One day Israel's new king, Ahaziah, fell through the latticework of an upper room at his palace in Samaria and was seriously injured. So he sent messengers to the temple of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, to ask whether he would recover. But the angel of the LORD told Elijah, "Go and confront the messengers of the king of Samaria and ask them, 'Is there no God in Israel? Why are you going to Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, to ask whether the king will recover? Now, therefore, this is what the LORD says, you will surely die. So Elijah went to deliver the message. The messengers returned to the king and told him that a man cautioned them. "What sort of man was he?" the king demanded. "What did he look like?" They replied, "He was a hairy man, and he wore a leather belt around his waist." "Elijah from Tishbe!" the king exclaimed.

Question:

Since Elijah was a Prophet, King Ahaziah would have enquired Elijah itself?

Answer:

Though the King was much aware who Elijah was; he did not ask him for help rather the King sends the army captain with fifty soldiers to threaten him and bring him. The captain said to him, "Man of God, the king has commanded you to come down with us." But Elijah replied to the captain, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and destroy you and your fifty men!" Then fire fell from heaven and killed them all. So the king sent another captain with fifty men the second time, And again Elijah called for the fire from heaven and killed them all. Once more the king sent a third captain with fifty men. But this time the captain went up the hill and fell to his knees before Elijah. He pleaded with him, "O man of God, please spare my life and the lives of these. Then Elijah came along with them and said to the king, "This is what the LORD says: Why did you send messengers to Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, to ask whether you will recover? Is there no God in Israel to answer your question? Eventually, even the King died. Initially when The King would have asked Elijah for help and prayed unto the Lord he would have lived. Because of his rigidity he was unable to repent. Dear children, even when you'll sin against the Lord and if he disciplines you,

never harden your heart or take it lightly. Immediately you have to repent. Never go in search of foreign God's. And you have to bring back those who go in such way.

Search for the LORD and for his strength; continually seek him. 2 Chronicles 16:11

Prayer

Loving father, you alone are the living God. Lord we desire to accept your disciple, and correction and lead a good life. Amen