ELIJAH
AN ORATORIO
by
FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Presented by the
SANCTUARY CHOIR
of the
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Director—Dr. Lee Bright
Organist—Dr. Maynard Berk
Pianist—Miss Enid McConnell

SOLOISTS

Sopranos
Harriet Martin
Clarice Henning
Lois Harchanko
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Ed Starr

Alto
Eunice Smart

November 20, 1960.
10:45 A.M.
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Presented by the Sanctuary Choir

Prelude by the Organ—"Overture" (Elijah)..........................Mendelssohn
"Chorale, Fuga, Finale" (Sixth Sonata)........Mendelssohn

Call to Worship—"The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

Processional—"In Heavenly Love Abiding".............................................................384

Recitative

Elijah—As God the Lord of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

Chorus

The People—Help, Lord! wilt Thou quite destroy us? The harvest now is over, the summer days are gone, and yet no power cometh to help us! Will then the Lord be no more God in Zion?

Recitative Chorus

The deeps afford no water; and the rivers are exhausted! The suckling's tongue now cleaveth for thirst to his mouth: the infant children ask for bread and there is no one breaketh it to feed them!

Duet and Chorus

The People—Lord! bow Thine ear to our prayer!

Duet—Zion spreadeth her hands for aid; and there is neither help nor comfort.

Morning Prayer by the Pastor

Announcements and Offering

Recitative

Obadiah—Ye people, rend your hearts, and not your garments, for your transgressions the prophet Elijah hath sealed the heavens through the word of God. I therefore say to ye, Forsake your idols, return to God; for He is slow to anger, and merciful, and kind and gracious, and repenteth Him of the evil.

Air

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me. Thus saith our God.

Oft that I knew where I might find Him, that I might even come before His presence.

Chorus

The People—Yet doth the Lord see it not: He mocketh at us; His curse hath fallen down upon us; His wrath will pursue us, till He destroy us! For He, the Lord our God, He is a jealous God; and He visiteth all the father's sins on the children to the third and fourth generations of them that hate Him. His mercies on thousands fall-fall on all them that love Him, and keep His commandments.

Recitative and Air

The Widow—What have I to do with thee, O man of God? art thou come to me, to call my sin unto remembrance?—to slay my son art thou come hither? Help me, man of God! my son is sick! and his sickness is so sore, that there is no breath left in him! I go mourning all the day long: I lie down and weep at night. See mine affliction. Be thou the orphan's helper!

Elijah—Give me thy son. Turn unto her, O Lord my God: in mercy help this widow's son! For thou art gracious, and full of compassion, and plenteous in mercy and truth. Lord, my God. O let the spirit of this child return, that he again may live!

The Widow—Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise thee?

Elijah—Lord, my God, O let the spirit of this child return, that he again may live!

The Widow—The Lord hath heard thy prayer, the soul of my son reviveth!

Elijah—Now behold, thy son liveth!

The Widow—Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that His word in thy mouth is the truth. What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

Both—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all them might. O blessed are they who fear Him!

Chorus

Blessed are the men who fear Him: they ever walk in the ways of peace. Through darkness riseth light to the upright. He is gracious, compassionate: He is righteous.

Recitative

Elijah, Ahab, and Chorus

Elijah—As God the Lord of Sabaoth liveth, before whom I stand, three years this day fulfilled, I will show myself unto Ahab; and the Lord will then send rain again upon the earth.

Ahab—Art thou Elijâh? art thou he that troubleth Israel?

Chorus—Thou art Elijâh, he that troubleth Israel!

Elijah—I never troubled Israel's peace: it is thou, Ahab, and all thy father's house. Ye have forsaken God's commands; and thou hast followed Baalim!

Now send and gather to me, the whole of Israel unto Mount Carmel: there summon the prophets of Baal, and also the prophets of the groves, who are feasted at Jezebel's table. Then we shall see whose God is the Lord.

Chorus—And then we shall see whose God is God the Lord.

Elijah—Rise then, ye priests of Baal: select and slay a bullock, and put no fire under it: uplift your voices, and call the god ye worship; and I then will call on the Lord Jehovah: and the God who by fire shall answer, let him be God.
Chorus—Yea; and the God who by fire shall answer, let him be God.

Elijah—Call first upon your god: your numbers are many: I, even I, only remain, one prophet of the Lord! Invoke your forest-gods and mountain deities.

Chorus

Priests of Baal—Baal, we cry to thee! hear and answer us! Heed the sacrifice we offer! hear us! O hear us, Baal! Hear, mighty god! Baal, O answer us! Let thy flames fall and extirpate the foe! O hear us, Baal!

Recitative

Elijah—Call him louder, for he is a god! He talketh; or he is pursuing; or he is on a journey: or, peradventure, he sleepeth; so awaken him: call him louder.

Chorus

Priests of Baal—Hear our cry, O Baal! now arise! wherefore slumber?

Recitative and Air

Elijah—Call him louder! he heareth not. With knives and lancets cut yourselves after your manner: leap upon the alter ye have made: call him, and prophecy! Not a voice will answer you; none will listen, none heed you.

Chorus

Priests of Baal—Hear and answer, Baal! Mark! how the scorner derideth us! Hear and answer!

Recitative and Air

Elijah—Draw near, all ye people: come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel! this day let it be known that Thou art God; and I am Thy Servant! O show to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me; and show this people that Thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned!

Quartet

Angels—Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall: He is at Thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great; and far above the heavens. Let none be made ashamed that wait upon Thee!

Recitative

Elijah—O Thou, who makest Thine angels spirits;—Thou, whose ministers are flaming fires, let them now descend!

Chorus

The People—The fire descends from heaven; the flames consume his offering! Before Him upon your faces fall! The Lord is God: O Israel hear! Our God is one Lord: and we will have no other gods before the Lord!

Recitative

Elijah—Take all the prophets of Baal; and let not one of them escape you: bring them down to Kishon's brook, and there let them be slain.
The People— Thanks be to God for all His mercies!

Elijah— Thanks be to God, for He is gracious, and His mercy endureth for evermore!

Chorus
Thanks be to God! He laveth the thirsty land! The waters gather; they rush along; they are lifting their voices! The stormy billows are high; their fury is mighty. But the Lord is above them, and Almighty!

Benediction

Amen
Chorus
The People— Take all the prophets of Baal; and let not one of them escape us: bring all, and slay them!

Air
Elijah— Is not His word like a fire: and like a hammer that breaketh the rock into pieces? For God is angry with the wicked every day: and if the wicked turn not, the Lord will whet His sword; and He hath bent His bow, and made it ready.

Air
Woe unto them who forsaken Him! destruction shall fall upon them, for they have transgressed against Him. Though they are by Him redeemed, yet they have spoken falsely against Him.

Recitative and Chorus
Obadiah— O man of God, help Thy people! Among the idols of the Gentiles, are there any that can command the rain, or cause the heavens to give their showers? The Lord our God alone can do these things.

Elijah— O Lord, Thou hast overthrown thine enemies and destroyed them. Look down on us from heaven, O Lord; regard the distress of Thy people: open the heavens and send us relief: help, help Thy servants now, O God!

The People— Open the heavens and send us relief; help, help thy servant now, O God!

Elijah— Go up now, child, and look toward the sea. Hath my prayer been heard by the Lord?

The Youth— There is nothing. The heavens are as brass above me.

Elijah— When the heavens are closed up because they have sinned against Thee, yet if they pray and confess Thy name, and turn from their sin when Thou dost afflict them; then hear from heaven, and forgive the sin! Help! send Thy servant help, O God!

The People— Then hear from heaven, and forgive the sin! Help! send Thy servant help, O Lord!

Elijah— Go up again, and still look toward the sea.

The Youth— There is nothing. The earth is as iron under me:

Elijah— Hearest thou no sound of rain? Seest thou nothing arise from the deep?

The Youth— No; there is nothing.

Elijah— Have respect to the prayer of Thy servant, O Lord, my God! Unto Thee will I cry, Lord, my rock; be not silent to me; and Thy great mercies remember, Lord!

The Youth— Behold, a little cloud ariseth now from the waters; it is like a man's hand! The heavens are black with clouds and with wind: the storm rusheth louder and louder!
The Man With Gravel

Introduction

- The Period of the Judges
  - After the Exile into the Captivity
  - Both political and religious leaders.
- Great Group of Characters
- Interesting Life of Samson

1. Younger Man
   - Killing a Lion
   - Zoo front through Wheatfield
   - Leaving down the gate of a city

2. Man of Strange Mixture
   - Outwardly strong, inwardly weak
   - God mixed up with foreigners
   - Man with a fearfull temper
   - Relied on God - Cried out for water
(3) Her undoing came with Delilah
- What is the source of a man's strength
  - Seven fresh hrountings
  - New hopes
  - Weave hair
  - Cut the hair
- Here was the source of his strength
2.

We Are Like Samson

1. We Live By Our Weaknesses
   - Faccept A Strange Combination
   - Worry & Trust
   - Anger & Love
   - Passion & Strength
   - Persecution & Discipline

2. Trust The Outer - Rather Than The Inner
   - Trust The Members, Rather Than Peace
   - In The Face Of Death - Material Rather Than Spirit.
   - Live By Our Wits - Rather Than What God Has To Give.
   - The Christian In Religion.

3. We Make False Alliances
   - Try To Live In Two Worlds
     - Here, But Not Here
     - Love, But Not Love.
Our Alliance are not Holy
- No Deep Sharp Sense of Were we are Going
- Vice President in Charge of Sales
- For Kerosene

See Unique Source of Ramson's Strength

- See Now
- See End of Ramson
- In Wholeness God Heard
Announcements


2. Thanksgiving Announcements
   - Wednesday Evening - 6:15
   - Thursday Morning at 10:00

3. The working - Wigger
   - Negro Church Social Program

4. Next Service - 10:45

Our Evening Service

5. Mr. Elmer Hansen and
   Mr. Sam Hasegawa
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 20, 1960
EVENING GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP
7:30 P.M.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Period of Hymn Singing

Reading of the Scripture

Evening Prayer

Special Music by Youth Choir

Announcements

Hymn

Receiving the Offering

Special Music by Cynthia Strom

Evening Meditation by Pastor Fredrikson

"A Man With Gravel in His Character"

Hymn of Invitation - "Give of Your Best to the Master"

Benediction - Closing Moments - "Beneath the Cross"

Postlude
Thanksgiving - Reupper
- Morning Service

Week from Wednesday - SacrificeService

Dear Lee:
"The key to the last room"

Washington, D.C.
On this beautiful day which God has given us it is a joy to welcome you to our service. This is Margaret Clark, the Pastor's Assistant, bringing you a word of greeting from the congregation and staff here at First Baptist. We hope that as you worship with us at your radios you will feel that you are with friends.

It was thrilling on this Thanksgiving Sunday to see the children come presenting their gifts of canned goods and fruit as their expression of thanks for all that God has given them.

We invite you to attend the Evening Gospel Fellowship tonight at 7:30 when Pastor Fredrikson will be speaking on the topic THE MAN WITH GRAVEL IN HIS CHARACTER.

On Thursday morning the Union Thanksgiving Service will be held in our sanctuary. Rev. Peter Westra of the First Presbyterian Church will be leading the worship and Rev. Arnold Herbst of the First Methodist Church will be the speaker. Our own sanctuary choir will provide the music.

Our service this morning is one of the highlights of our church year. The sanctuary choir under the direction of Dr. Lee Bright with Dr. Maynard Berk at the organ and Miss Enid McConnell at the piano are presenting Felix Mendelssohn's great oratorio, ELIJAH. It is our hope that in the musical experience of worship you will know that you are in the presence of God. As we go now to the sanctuary where the Elijah is already in progress will you pray with us that today we may hear God speak in a still, small voice as did Elijah of old and come to know that His resources are adequate for all of life.