

# The Words of Moroni

## The Calling and Title of Elijah or Elias

*What the calling and title of Elijah or Elias means. What is significant about turning the hearts of the children to their fathers. Latter day temple work for the dead is an abomination before God. Prophets are taught by the still small voice, which is the voice of the Father. They are taught to teach people to love one another.*

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AND now, I have been commanded by the Lord to give unto you an explanation of the calling of the prophet Elijah. For this is the thing that caused much confusion among the Jews, and also shall be the cause of much confusion and contention among those of you in the latter days, even unto you to whom this sealed record shall be revealed.

And the Jews believed that the prophet Elijah, who was among their fathers, even among the house of Israel, would one day return to the earth and turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, and this according to the prophet Malachi, who was revered among them as a holy prophet of God.

For they did not understand how the hearts of the children could be turned to the fathers, and how the hearts of the fathers could be turned to the children, so that the earth would not be smitten with a curse according to the words of the prophet.

And in the latter days, ye shall also be confused about this meaning, evensomuch that ye shall begin to commit great abominations before God in the work that ye assume ye are doing—being the children—for the dead—being your fathers—as ye have perceived it through your genealogies, even that ye have set yourselves up as saviors of the dead according to your misperceptions and pride.

And how do ye think that ye shall save the dead? Do ye think that by your vicarious ordinances ye shall save the dead? Yea, ye shall think this to your own damnation, which cometh because of your stiffneckedness and your inability to understand the truth regarding these things according to the Spirit.

And like the Jews of old, ye shall crucify the Christ once again in the flesh by rejecting the pureness and simplicity of his gospel. And will ye think of yourselves greater than he is, in that ye can save those who are dead, when even Christ could not save them by his own works in the flesh?

And now, I have been commanded to give unto you in plainness the things that ye have misunderstood and which have been hidden from you because of your wickedness and your pride.

For behold, the first prophet among you in the latter days shall give unto you a revelation that he received in a vision in the presence of a witness who shall stand with him in this vision and know of the things which he shall reveal unto you.

And this revelation shall be given in truth according to the understanding that shall be had among you of the latter days.

And this revelation begins, saying: The veil was taken from our minds, and the eyes of our understanding were opened. And we saw the Lord standing upon the breastwork of the pulpit before us; and under his feet was a paved work of pure gold, in the color like amber.

And now, do ye of the latter days know what it meaneth to have the eyes of your understanding open? Yea, it is by these eyes that this vision shall be given. For behold, by his mortal eyes this first prophet of the latter days shall see nothing, neither shall his companion who shall be with him on this occasion.

Behold, when ye are gathered together and begin to be enlightened by the Spirit of God, even when the Father sendeth His Spirit among you so that ye might begin to rejoice with an understanding of the things which ye are discussing amongst you; yea, this is having the eyes of your understanding opened up unto you.

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Now, in order to prepare the people to be more receptive to His words, which are the words of Christ, or the gospel of Jesus as it hath been explained unto you, the Lord sendeth forth an Elias before any great work that is to be done among the children of men.

And this word Elias is the same as Elijah and meaneth the same in the tongue in which it was formed, or being translated means, Jehovah is God. Now, the Lord hath given the title of Elias, or Elijah unto all those who are called to do a preparatory work for the greater work of a prophet that shall come after them. And the reason for this is in the similitude of the original Elijah of whom it is spoken in the record of the Jews.

And the disciples of Jesus did not understand the title of Elijah, or Elias—for they are the same calling—and questioned the Lord, saying: Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? And this they asked after they had received a witness from the Father that Jesus was surely the Christ. For according to the leaders of the church at Jerusalem and their scribes, Christ would not come, except that Elias should come first to restore all things and prepare for his coming.

But Jesus testifieth that John the Baptist truly was this Elias, even he who was acting in the position and with the authority of Elijah to prepare the way before him.

And now, if I, Moroni, have not explained the calling and office of an Elijah, or an Elias, unto you, even that ye cannot misunderstand these things, then I will give unto you in more plainness that ye might in no way be mistaken:

For behold, Abinadi was the Elijah that prepared the way for the coming of Alma to do a mighty work among the people of my fathers. And Samuel the Lamanite was the Elijah that prepared the way for our father Nephi to prepare the people for the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And there are other prophets who have been called according to the calling of Elijah and who have been sent forth unto other peoples of the earth to prepare them for the words of another who shall work a greater work of faith among the people.

And in the latter days, the first prophet among you shall be called by the calling of Elijah to prepare the children of men for the second prophet among you, even this bearer of Christ from whom ye shall receive these things.

And this second latter day prophet shall be the final Elijah who shall be in the office of this calling, even that he might bring these things forth and prepare the people of the earth for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yea, each prophet of God doth that which he hath been foreordained to do in the dispensation of time in which he hath been called by the Lord.

And each of these prophets who shall hold this calling of Elijah, shall attempt to turn the hearts of the children of men to the gospel of Jesus Christ and help the people better understand those things that the people shall eventually receive from the prophet that cometh after the preparatory prophet, or he who is called as was Elijah.

And now, I, Moroni, know that the people unto whom this revelation and vision were given have polluted the house of God. And because they have polluted the house of God, even that they do that which is most abominable before God in a house that is dedicated to the name of the Lord; even these baptisms and these ordinances of salvation for the dead; yea, because of these abominations, he hath not appeared unto them and they have not heard his voice, but he hath taken from them his priesthood and the keys which were committed unto the first of these two latter day prophets.

And if the people shall repent in that day that their wickedness and abomination shall be made known unto them by way of the second of these two latter day prophets, even by way of the coming forth of these things, then shall the Lord once again fulfill his promise which was given unto the first.

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And he shall appear unto his servants and speak unto them with his own voice. And now, this voice that they shall hear shall be the same voice that was heard by Elijah. (*1 Kings 19:11-12*)

And now, this is **the voice of the Father** which is given unto all of His children according to the heed that they give unto Him in keeping His commandments.

And those who are called according to the calling of Elijah hear the voice of the Lord in this manner, even in **a still small voice** that they understand.

And *this voice whispereth unto them*: **Preach my gospel to my children and bring them home unto me. Teach them to love one another and do good to each other.**

Behold, this is the only voice of the Father unto those who hold the office and calling of Elijah, and is His only commandment unto them.