

THE REFORMATION

William Farel: The Elijah of the Swiss Reformation 1 Kings 19:1-18

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1. **Apart from the intervening _____ of God, people stubbornly hold on to their false beliefs.**

“He forgot his admired saints; he lost all sympathy with the monks of the forest; he gave up all human merit; he believed in Jesus. In later years he wrote, ‘Lefèvre extricated me from the false opinion of human _____, and taught me that everything came from grace, which I believed as soon as it was spoken.’ Thus, with trembling step, he took his place in the ranks of the men of faith.”
- William Blackburn

“Farel began to lead others to the Christ of the Scriptures, and he spoke out against the unbiblical teachings of the church. Church leaders in France considered him a dangerous _____. When Farel heard that they plotted to seize him, he fled to Switzerland ... As he preached in private houses and public squares, he was shouted at, beaten, and run out of one Swiss town after another.” - Richard Hannula

2. **The focus in ministry must be on exalting the _____ and His Word in the face of idolatry.**

“If you refuse, then I denounce you, in the name of God Almighty, that if you depart under the pretext of continuing your studies and refuse to labor with me in this work of the Lord, God will _____ your labors, He will damn your sequestration. On your rest and studies shall no blessing fall, only fearful cursing and flaming indignation.” - Douglas Bond

3. **God gives the strength to _____ in the faith and in ministry in spite of discouraging situations.**

“Farel’s life was a series of _____ and victories. Every time he went forth, it was conquering and to conquer.” - Merle D’Aubigne

“So, this man is the very same that he has always been! We never knew him _____, even when our hearts were failing us for fear. When we were ready to give up everything in despair, he was full of hope, and cheered us by his Christian heroism.”
- William Blackburn