



Elijah:
God's Man In Israel

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The Great Prophet of God
Text : **I Kings 16:29-17:1**

INTRODUCTION : We are beginning a study of one of the most unusual men in the Old Testament. He is mentioned over thirty times in the New Testament. Elijah was one of those who appeared with Jesus when He was transfigured (**Matthew 17**). We should not think that he was a perfect person, nor a superhuman being, but he *was* God's special man for a special time. He was a GREAT prophet of God!

DISCUSSION :

I. A Survey of I Kings

- A. Solomon Becomes King (1:1-2:46)
- B. Solomon's Glory (3:1-10:29)
- C. Solomon's Sin and Death (11:1-43)
- D. Rehoboam of Judah and Jeroboam of Israel (12:1-14:31)
- E. Series of Kings (15:1-16:28)
- F. Ahab and Elijah (16:29-22:40)
- G. Two Final Kings (22:41-53)

II. The Kingdom of Israel in Elijah's Day

- A. Consider the context of the times of Elijah (**I Kings 16:29-30**).
- B. Ahab is worse than Jeroboam (**I Kings 12:28-33**).
- C. Ahab is worse than Nadab (**I Kings 15:26-27**).
- D. Ahab is worse than Baasha (**I Kings 15:29-34**).
- E. Ahab is worse than Elah (**I Kings 16:8-10**).
- F. Ahab is worse than Zimri (**I Kings 16:11-15**).
- F. Ahab is worse than Omri (**I Kings 16:23-26**).
- G. Ahab married Jezebel (**I Kings 16:31**).
- H. Only Elijah is willing to stand for Jehovah.

III. The Great Man of God

- A. Who was Elijah?
- B. What did he look like to the people?
- C. What did he stand for in his day?
- D. This was God's man in Israel!

CONCLUSION : God still needs His special people for special times, but He can only use one who is completely dedicated to Him! Are you willing to live as God's man or woman? We need people who are willing to stand up, even if it means standing alone.

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Who Turned Off The Water?

Text : **I Kings 17:1-15**

INTRODUCTION : Elijah has decided to take a stand against Ahab. Have you ever had the water shut off at your home? How does it feel when the water goes off? **Isaiah 55:8-9** might shed some light on the story today. The water goes off and the people want answers.

DISCUSSION :

I. Why Did God Turn Off The Water in Israel?

- A. Moses had already warned the people (**Deuteronomy 7:1-6, Deuteronomy 11:16-17**).
- B. Israel was facing certain disaster and Elijah decides to stand up.
- C. This problem goes from inconvenience to nuisance to tragedy (**Luke 4:25, James 5:17**)?
- D. God allowed this to happen because Elijah prayed for it (**James 5:16-17**).

II. Why Did God Turn Off The Water in Cherith?

- A. There seem to be two phases in the story.
- B. This part of the story seems to be pre-planned and organized.
- C. Where is this town?
- D. What does the name "Cherith" really mean?
- E. Elijah watched the brook dry up day after day.
- F. Elijah made it through because of prayer, patience, and perseverance.

III. Why Did God Turn Off The Water in Zarepath?

- A. Simple facts that we should keep in mind.
 - 1. God still has not told Elijah to preach a sermon to the people.
 - 2. God could have let him go farther east but didn't.
 - 2. God sent him further into the drought by sending him north of Israel.
 - 3. God sent him to the region that Jezebel called home, a small town.
 - 4. God didn't allow him to stay with a wealthy man.
 - 5. God made him stay with a poor widow (more to that story).
 - 6. God reminded him again that Elijah's ways are not God's ways.
 - 7. Elijah is learning as much as the people.
- B. The trip to Zarepath would take a number of days.
- C. He finally reached Zarepath and the home of the widow.

CONCLUSION : How important is it for us to completely trust in God? And in His ways? Has God forgotten us? Will God ignore the prayers of the righteous? If He turns off the water will He ever turn it back on? God will take care of us, but we have to trust in Him (**Isaiah 49:14-16**). There are some very important lessons we can learn from this wonderful story. Obey God, even when you don't understand. Trust in God, even when you don't comprehend. Thank God, even when you have very little. Praise God, even when you don't like it. God knows our needs and He will provide for us (**Romans 8:28**). There will always be better things on the horizon.

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Heaven Help The Home

Text : **I Kings 17:8-16**

INTRODUCTION : An illustration often used in the Bible is that of going through the furnace. Going through the furnace was a fearful experience, but that which survived the furnace was stronger and of greater value. If anything can be said to be going through the furnace today, it is the home. Homes that survive will be stronger! The word "Zarepath" means "crucible" or "furnace." Zarepath was a furnace for Elijah. It was especially a furnace for the widow of Zarepath.

DISCUSSION :

I. *Heaven's Concern*

- A. When the brook dries up, God sends Elijah to Zarepath (**I Kings 17:8-10**).
- B. The widow is preparing to die (**I Kings 17:10,12**).
- C. Everything has gone wrong in her life and heaven is concerned
- D. Heaven is concerned about all widows (**Exodus 22:22, Deuteronomy 14, 16, 24, 26**).
- E. Jesus raised a widow's son in **Luke 7:12**, because He loved her.
- F. In **I Timothy 5** the church is instructed to see after widows in the church.
- G. **James 1:27** tells us that part of true religion is taking care of widows.
- H. The Bible says that she took care of Elijah (**Luke 4:25-26**).

II. *Heaven's Conditions*

- A. It was a giving home (**I Kings 17:10-11**).
- B. It was a home of faith (**I Kings 17:12**).
- C. It was an obedient home (**I Kings 17:11-15**).
- D. It was an unselfish home (**I Kings 17:11-15**).

III. *Heaven's Commitment*

- A. Elijah knew that God was committed to him and to her household.
- B. God honored that commitment (**I Kings 17:15-16**).
- C. When we give it will be given to us (**Luke 6:38, Matthew 25:34-40**).
- D. God will provide for all our needs (**Matthew 6:33**).
- E. God still cares for His people (**Isaiah 41:10**).

CONCLUSION : The biblical concept of **Isaiah 41:10** is seen throughout the Bible. Think about **Matthew 28:20, Romans 8:31, Philippians 4:13**. What have we seen in this wonderful story? We have seen how God works in the lives of His people. We have seen how heaven is concerned, committed, but does have conditions that we must follow. Are we as obedient as this poor widow? Are you living in a way that God would want to bless you?

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When The Roof Caves In, What Then?

Text : **I Kings 17:17-24**

INTRODUCTION : We will all face death and other impossible situations in life. By way of introduction, let us read **Hebrews 11:32-35**, then we will look at the first time women received their dead raised to life again. In our lesson today we are going to notice a few things about the trials of life. It can be a terrifying thing when the roof caves in, but we need to know what to do.

DISCUSSION :

I. The Reality

A. We do not like to think about death, but it is a reality.

1. The devil's lie = **Genesis 3:4**.

2. The truth = **Hebrews 9:27**.

B. This woman knew the reality of death because she has lost her husband.

C. Notice her reaction (v.18).

Stages in the healing process after a death:

(1) Shock

(5) Guilt

(2) Emotional release

(6) Hostility and resentment

(3) Depression and loneliness

(7) Struggle to return to usual activities

(4) Distress or panic

D. She cries out against Elijah.

II. The Remedy

A. Notice what Elijah did not do.

1. He did not strike back in anger.

2. He did not tell her to count her blessings.

3. He did not correct her theology.

B. Five things Elijah did to help the situation:

1. He was there.

2. He felt her pain.

3. He stayed calm while others were going to pieces (vs.18-19).

4. He did what he could.

5. Most important, He petitioned God on her behalf.

III. The Results

A. Strength was gained (**Philippians 4:13**).

B. Rewards were received (**Romans 8:28**).

C. These promises and results are for those who love God (**Romans 8:28**).

CONCLUSION : In this particular lesson we have noted how God can take tragedy and turn it into an encouraging event. Remember passages like **James 1:2** that tell us to see the positive things in our trials. When the roof caves in, turn to God!!!

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It's Decision Time

Text : **I Kings 18:1-24**

INTRODUCTION : **I Kings 18** is one of the most exciting chapters in all of the Bible. In this chapter we have a series of confrontations. Elijah is confronted by one or more people again and again. There are eight confrontations, we will cover four in this lesson.

DISCUSSION :

I. A Divine Confrontation

- A. It is difficult to challenge deity.
- B. Elijah did what God said when God said to do it.
- C. We will often go against God's will in search of our own way and find trouble.

II. A Providential Confrontation

- A. This is a confrontation between Obadiah and Elijah.
- B. Elijah makes Obadiah nervous (vs.9-19).
- C. Elijah reassures him (v.15).

III. A Royal Confrontation

- A. Ahab and Elijah are face to face for the first time in more than three years.
- B. Elijah is not intimidated by Ahab (v.18).
- C. Elijah tells Ahab to gather the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel (v.19).

IV. A Personal Confrontation

- A. Picture the groups at Mount Carmel (450 vs. 1).
- B. Elijah is confident because God is in control here.
- C. Elijah's initial confrontation on Mount Carmel is not with the prophets or with the king.
- D. Elijah makes a proposition (vs.22-24).
- E. The people agree (v.24), and believe it is a good idea (NASB).

CONCLUSION : We still have several basic groups of people today. those like Elijah: totally dedicated to God and to doing His will. Those like the prophets of Baal: hardened in sin and dedicated to unrighteousness. Those like the children of Israel: with divided allegiance, limping along between two opinions (KJV) and straddling the fence. We may find ourselves in the third group like the Israelites. If so, this lesson has a special message for us. As Christians we need to make up our mind to dedicate ourselves completely to God! No fire from heaven will be sent to convince us, but the Word of God is like a fire (**Jeremiah 5:14; 23:29**); it is powerful! **Romans 1:16** tells us that the gospel is "*the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.*" God is still looking for dedicated people today!

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It's Show Time
Text : **I Kings 18:25-40**

INTRODUCTION : **I Kings 18** is one of the most exciting chapters in all of the Bible. In this chapter we see the last four of a series of eight confrontations. These are exciting times for the people of God.

DISCUSSION :

I. A Theological Confrontation

- A. For the first time, Elijah speaks directly to the prophets of Baal (v.25).
- B. In verses 26 through 29, we have the sad spectacle of the sound and fury of vain religion.
- C. They are really putting on a great show!
- D. Elijah's ridicule (v.27) has a twofold purpose:
 - 1. He is showing the weakness of pagan religions.
 - 2. He is reminding the people of the ridiculous nature of these prophets.
- E. Their gods never responded to their pleading (v.28).
- F. There was no voice, no answer, no response (v.29).

II. A Decisive Confrontation

- A. Now its Elijah's turn.
- B. He repairs the altar of Jehovah that has been torn down.
- C. He prepares the sacrifice and then has it soaked again and again.
- D. Notice that there is plenty of water in the nearby sea.

III. A Prayerful Confrontation

- A. Again Elijah is before the Lord in prayer.
- B. Elijah's simple prayer takes only two verses (vs.36-37).
- C. Fire comes from heaven!
- D. For the first time in years, the name of Jehovah is on the lips of the people (v.39)!

IV. A Practical Confrontation

- A. The prophets of Baal are killed.
- B. The spiritual malignancy in the land requires radical surgery (cut them all out).
- C. Elijah warns, "Get them all and do not miss any!"

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The Secret of an Answered Prayer

Text : **I Kings 18:41-46**

INTRODUCTION : Most people think that the day Elijah challenged the 450 prophets of Baal was the greatest day in his life. However, I would have to have to argue that point. The climax is still yet to come if you consider (**I Kings 18:1**). We want to see what will happen to Ahab, Elijah, and will it ever rain again? Whom do you think of when you think of great examples of prayer? We would say Jesus, David, Paul, etc.? Why not Elijah? James chose to discuss Elijah's prayer life. In order to understand this context, let's consider **James 5:16-18**. As we read and study this story we will learn a lot about prayer. We will also learn more about this great man of God, Elijah.

DISCUSSION :

I. A Powerful Prayer

- A. God answers Elijah's prayer.
- B. Elijah's prayer blessed the nation.
- C. Elijah was blessed physically and spiritually.
- D. What does this story mean to us?
- E. Can you say you pray powerful prayers?

II. A Righteous Prayer

- A. He was a man of faith (**James 1:6**).
- B. He was a man who relied on God.
- C. He was a man who took time to talk to God.
- D. He was a man of humility.
- E. He was a man who thought of others.
- F. He was a man fervent in prayer.
- G. He was a man persistent in prayer.

III. An Answered Prayer

- A. The secret does not lie in "the three L's" of prayer: Length, Language, and Loudness.
- B. James tells us the "secret" is a right relationship with God.
- C. His prayers were answered not because he was perfect, but because he "*stood before God*" (**I Kings 17:1**), and we can too.
- D. What prayers do you need answered?

CONCLUSION : What is your relationship with God? Do we have a right to say, "*Father*"? (**Galatians 3:26,27; John 3:3-5**). If we are already children of God, are we faithful children (**John 3:31; Psalms 66:18**)? Have you done everything that God requires of you?

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Curing A Case of the Blues

Text : **I Kings 19:1-21**

INTRODUCTION : After his prayer for rain was answered, Elijah was so excited! What a difference we see in chapter 19! Elijah was a man subject to the same emotions we have (**James 5:17**; James may have been thinking about **I Kings 19**). Elijah got discouraged just as we do. Furthermore, he was not the only man of God to do so: Moses (**Numbers 11**), Jonah (**Jonah 4**), and Paul (**II Corinthians 1**) . Let us see Elijah's problem, how he got that way, and what God did to take care of the problem (**I Kings 19**).

DISCUSSION :

I. Elijah & The Great Depression

- A. Elijah entered the gate of the city with great hopes for the nation.
- B. The man who had stood up to 450 prophets of Baal runs from the queen (v.3).
- C. How did Elijah end up under the juniper tree?
 1. He was guided by human reason, not divine revelation.
 2. His thinking process was faulty.
 3. He gave in to fear.
 4. He was unprepared for the letdown that can come after victory.
 5. He cut himself off from his sources of strength.
 6. He let himself get exhausted.
 7. He gave in to self-pity.

II. God Helps Elijah

- A. God took care of Elijah's physical needs: rest and food (vs.5-8).
- B. God dealt tenderly with Elijah.
- C. God gave Elijah meaningful work to do (vs.15-18).
- D. God gave Elijah a friend and companion (vs.19-21).

III. Elijah Finds Strength

- A. Elijah got out of the dark cave and went to do God's bidding.
- B. He had "jumped the tracks," but God put him back on track!
- C. Elijah found Elisha.
- D. Elisha followed Elijah "*and ministered to him*" (v. 21).
- E. Elisha supplied what Elijah needed = Companionship.

CONCLUSION : It is not at Mount Carmel, the mountain of victory, that we find out what we are made of, but at Mount Sinai, the mountain of loneliness when things have not turned out as we thought they would, as we hoped they would. When you find yourself in the dark cave of self-pity, turn to the Lord and trust in Him! Get out of that cave! Listen to God and let Him lead you out of discouragement!!!

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Fruits of the Labor

Text : **I Kings 20:1-43**

INTRODUCTION : Elijah has encountered several problems throughout his ministry. He has also encountered several evil people during this time. From this point on God is fulfilling His plan foretold in **I Kings 19:15-18**. He will take care of these problems and these ungodly people. However, He still wishes to use his servant Elijah and the new recruit Elisha.

DISCUSSION :

I. The Enemies of God

- A. The spirit of evil was present in Ben-Hadad's campaign against Israel.
 - There were 32 kings, or heads of state, with Ben-Hadad (20:1).
- B. The spirit of war was present in Ben-Hadad's campaign against Israel
- C. The spirit of injustice was present in Ben-Hadad's campaign against Israel
- D. The spirit of cruelty was present in Ben-Hadad's campaign against Israel

II. The Hand of God

- A. The destiny of man lies in the hands of God.
- B. The work of a prophet lies in the hands of God.
- C. The mercy of the Lord lies in the hands of God.

III. The Judgment of God

- A. The destruction of Ahab is prophesied.
- B. Any opposition to God's command was opposition to God Himself (vs.35-36).
- C. Those who were the "*sons of the prophets*" refer to those who were attending, or had attended at one time, the prophetic schools.
- D. These schools sought to preserve and promote the law of Moses (**II Kings 2:3**).
- E. Drawing condemnation from the lips of the accused was a common method used by the prophets of God (vs.39-42). – **I Samuel 12:1-7**
- F. The Lord will always have His way.

CONCLUSION : The Lord may not have destroyed Ahab and Jezebel quickly, but He did destroy them. He also punished His people for following such evil people. Their sin would follow them for hundreds of generations, because Baal worship was present many years later, according to the scriptures. Whether we do good things, or bad things, we will reap fruit. Good works will reap good fruit, while evil deeds reap bad fruit. **John 15:1-8** teaches this very plainly. This is why we need the fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**). Are you bearing good fruit?

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Can You Sink Any Lower?

Text : **I Kings 21:1-29**

INTRODUCTION : Sometimes when people have reached rock bottom on the morality scale they somehow find a way to sink just a little lower. We ask them, "Can you sink any lower?" Obviously, they can, and many times they will! In the story today the leader of Israel has sunk to an all time low. However, there are some important lessons we can learn from his mistakes.

DISCUSSION :

I. The Martyrdom of Naboth

- A. The piety of Naboth (vs.1-3)
- B. The impiety of Ahab (vs.1-6)
- C. The depravity of Jezebel (vs.7-10)
- D. The corruption of the elders (vs.11-12)
- E. The perjury of the witnesses (vs.13-14)
- F. The death of Naboth (vs.13-14)
- G. The rejoicing of Ahab (vs.15-16)

II. The Divine Judgment of God

- A. Ahab is approached by Elijah (vs.17-26).
- B. Ahab had committed the sin of illegal marriage (15:31).
- C. Ahab had committed the sin of division (16:31).
- D. Ahab had committed the sin of idolatry (16:32, 21:26).
- E. Ahab had committed the sin of impurity (16:32).
- F. Ahab had committed the sin of persecution (16-17).
- G. Ahab had committed the sin of playing God (20:42).
- H. Ahab had committed the sin of murder (21, 9:26).
- I. Ahab was the Lord's anointed king of Israel.
- J. Ahab had been helped by God in miraculous ways, but he still rejected the Lord.

III. The Repentance of Ahab

- A. Ahab's repentance was sincere.
- B. Ahab's repentance was open and public.
- C. Ahab's repentance was convincing.

CONCLUSION : One important thing to remember is that anyone can repent and be saved. God is not willing that any should perish, and that means you too. If we ask, "Can you sink any lower?", the answer is "YES!" However, Christians are in a state where they should refuse to sink low in morality. When the world sinks lower, we should raise higher, because we are God's people!

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Crime & Punishment

Text : **I Kings 22:1-53**

INTRODUCTION : With every crime there must be punishment. "If you do the crime, you do the time." Many times our punishment in America's legal system is not up to our standards. They certainly are not up to God's standards. When people did ungodly things they paid a price.

DISCUSSION :

I. God Punishes The Wicked

- A. The wicked people rushed into destruction.
- B. The false prophets are eager to tickle the king's ear.
 - 1. They are willing to see people killed and money wasted.
 - 2. They have no regard for the truth.
 - 3. They will side with their king, even if he is an evil man and wrong.
 - 3. They willingly offer blasphemy to the king and his guests.
 - 4. They possess a spirit of falsehood and lies.
 - 5. They ignore God and His will.
 - 6. They openly opposed God's true prophet.
- C. The true servant of God was willing to do the right thing.

II. God Threatens The Wicked

- A. Ahab attempted to allude divine judgment.
- B. The divine judgment of God was given despite Ahab's best efforts.
- C. Remember that God takes his threats seriously.

III. God Defeats The Wicked

- A. The good, the bad, and the ungodly. - Compare the lives of Jehoshapat and Ahaziah:
 - 1. Jehoshapat:
 - a. He prolonged the good influence of his father's reign (v.46).
 - b. He was very consistent (vs.41-50) and had a career had success (vs.41-50).
 - d. He wanted peace with his brethren (v.44).
 - e. He humbled himself under God's rebuke (vs.48-49).
 - 2. Ahaziah:
 - a. He did evil and lived a sinful life (v.51).
 - b. He seemed to work toward destruction (vs.52-53).
 - c. He served Baal and worshipped him (v.53).
 - d. He angered the Lord and provoked Him (v.53).
- B. God has, and will, always defeat His enemies.

CONCLUSION : No one should have to suffer at the hands of God. We all have the opportunity to choose what is right. However, with crime there is always punishment. Make sure you have repented of all your sins and that you serve the living God.

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You've Got To Stand For Something or You'll Fall For Anything

Text : **II Kings 1:1-18**

INTRODUCTION : I really do not like country music, but there is one song that has a positive message saying, "You've Got To Stand For Something or You'll Fall For Anything." This is absolutely true! The problem with the people in Israel was that they were not standing up. Elijah was trying to provide the people with a good godly example, but their entire leadership was so corrupt.

DISCUSSION :

I. The Ungodly King

- A. The sins of Ahaziah.
 - 1. He walked in the way of Jeroboam, the son of Nabat (**I Kings 22:52**).
 - 2. He walked in the way of his father, Ahab (**I Kings 22**).
 - 3. He walked in the way of his mother, Jezebel (**I Kings 22**).
 - 4. He walked anyway but God's way.
- B. The consequences of Ahaziah's sin.
 - 1. He led the people into more idolatry.
 - 2. He angered God because of His evil deeds (**II Kings 22**).
 - 3. He brought swift destruction to himself and to the people of Israel.
- C. The punishment for Ahaziah's sin.
 - 1. The people would suffer from war and rebellion.
 - 2. The people would continue to suffer persecution.
 - 3. The king would die because of his sin.

II. The Godly Prophet

- A. Elijah was visited by an angel of the Lord (vs.3-4).
- B. Elijah confronts the messengers of Ahaziah (vs.5-6).
- C. Elijah had made an impression on these messengers (v.6).
- D. Elijah had a strong and powerful influence (vs.7-8).

III. The Captains of the King

- A. The first captain of the king (vs.9-10).
- B. The second captain of the king (vs.11-12)
- C. The third captain of the king (vs.13-16).

IV. The Fate of the Ungodly

- A. They will die.
- B. They will answer to God.
- C. The people can learn from their example.

CONCLUSION : We have to stand for what is right. Even if that means that we have to stand alone. God will punish the wicked and reward the righteous. What a blessing to be one of God's children!

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Blaze of Glory

Text : **II Kings 2:1-18**

INTRODUCTION : The stories of Elijah, and those of his time, are very interesting. However, all good stories must come to an end. The end of Elijah's life was just as spectacular as his wonderful works as a prophet. His last few hours on earth are some of the most memorable in all of the Bible. His final moments give us one of the most fantastic death scenes the world has ever known. Let's see how this magnificent story ends. . . .

DISCUSSION :

I. A Parting Visit

- A. Elijah knew that God wanted him to go to Bethel.
- B. Elijah knew that God wanted him to go to Jericho.
- C. Elijah knew that God wanted him to go to Jordan.
- D. Elijah knew that God was about to take him to heaven.

II. A Parting Request

- A. Elijah's Question
- B. Elisha's Response
- C. Elijah's Blessing

III. A Parting Friend

- A. Elijah is taken up in a whirlwind.
- B. Elisha is shocked by this miracle.
- C. Elisha mourns his master.

IV. A Parting Responsibility

- A. Elisha's work has now begun.
- B. Elisha's ministry has now begun.
- C. Elisha's authority is seen.

CONCLUSION : Elijah, the man of God, is taken away from God's people. However, he sends another to lead and serve in his place. Even before his first miracle, which occurs later in this chapter, he had authority. The men would not do anything without his consent. Elisha would prove to be another great man of God. Elijah was ready to meet God. Elisha was ready to meet God's people. Their influence, together, was as great as Moses and Joshua. What would the people have done without these great men of God? We need more men and women that will lead with the zeal of Elijah! In the near future we will do a survey of II Kings and notice the new man of God, Elisha!