

Pastor Cliff

1 Kings 18:1-18

The Prophet Elijah

Week 04

October 4, 2026

Three Men & Their God(s)

Introduction (*1 Kings 16:32-33, 17:1, 18:1-2*)

1. Obadiah: The _____ Saint (*1 Kings 18:3-16, Romans 13:1; Colossians 3:22-24; Acts 5:29*)

2. Elijah: The _____ Prophet (*1 Kings 18:1-2, 13, 17; John 14:27, 15:18-19; Acts 24:5; Luke 23:2, 5; Matthew 10:34*)

3. Ahab: The _____ Troublemaker (*1 Kings 18:18, 5; Exodus 20:3; Psalm 33:16-17; 2 Samuel 24:17; Isaiah 53:6*)

Discussion Questions (1 Kings 18:1-18)

1. Review: What have we already learned about Ahab? (*1 Kings 16:30-33*) What have we already learned about Elijah and his mission from God? (*1 Kings 17*)
2. Who was Obadiah? What was his relationship to Ahab? What was his relationship to God? (*1 Kings 18:3-6*) How do you think Obadiah was able to maintain both of these relationships? How is Obadiah an example to us as we seek to live and work in a godless world? (see *Romans 13:1; Colossians 3:22-24; Acts 5:29*)
3. Why is Obadiah afraid that Ahab will kill him and how does he justify his fears? (*1 Kings 18:7-14*) Ultimately what does Obadiah do and what does this say about Obadiah's courage and faith in God? (*1 Kings 18:15-16*) How does this encourage you as you face the fears of living in a godless society?
4. Why does evil Ahab accuse righteous Elijah of being the "troubler of Israel" (bringing a curse upon Israel)? (*1 Kings 17:1, 18:17*) Why do you think both Jesus and Paul experienced similar accusations? (*Luke 23:2-5; Acts 24:5*) What does this teach us about how an evil person or society will seek to accuse and even persecute believers in Jesus Christ? (*John 15:18-19*) How does this encourage or discourage you?
5. What reasons does Elijah give to show that Ahab not Elijah was the "troubler of Israel"? (*1 Kings 18:18*) King Ahab never took responsibility for his sin that brought trouble upon Israel, instead he blamed Elijah. In contrast King David did take responsibility for his sin and the trouble it brought on Israel. (*2 Samuel 24:10-17*) What does this teach us about taking responsibility for our own sin and the trouble it causes?