"ELIJAH, THE FIRST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
1 Kings 17-21, 2 Kings 1-2 / 4-29-18 / PM

I. ELIJAH’S LIFE.  

A. HIS NAME.  

1. The name Elijah means "Yahweh is my God." – Barnes  

2. In the NT, some translations render his name as "Elias" - Mt 17:3 (KJV)  

B. HIS ORIGIN.  

1. "This prophet is introduced as abruptly as Melchisedek--his birth, parents, and call to the prophetic office being alike unrecorded."  

2. He is called "the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead"  

C. HIS APPEARANCE.  

1. "A hairy man wearing a leather belt around his waist." - 2 Kin 1:7-8; cf. John, Mt 3:4  

2. "That is, he wore a rough garment, either made of camels' hair, as his successor John the Baptist's was."  

3. "His costume was that of a thorough ascetic."  

4. Even in his day, Elijah would have been considered "strange".  

II. ELIJAH, HIS MINISTRY.  

A. THE JUDGMENT OF DROUGHT.  

B. THE CHALLENGE ON MOUNT CARMEL.  

1. Challenging Israel and her false prophets.  

2. The challenge to Israel -- 1Ki 18:21.  

3. The test between Elijah and the prophets of Baal  

4. The drought comes to an end as Elijah prays.
C. THE FLIGHT FOR HIS LIFE.

1. His life threatened by Jezebel.

2. His journey to Horeb--The provisions by an angel.

3. His discouragement and the Lord's response-- 1Ki.19:18

4. Elisha becomes Elijah's servant.

D. HIS JOURNEY TO HEAVEN--- 2Ki 2:11-12.

III. ELIJAH, HIS MESSAGE.

A. THE POWER OF PRAYER--James 5:16-18

B. THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD.


E. THE CONSEQUENCE OF SIN.