

ELIJAH PART II
“FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN”
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1 KINGS 18:1-45
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Elijah is a key figure in both the Old and New Testaments. He is mentioned more in the New Testament than any other Old Testament figure (more than 30 references). The bible doesn't tell us a lot about his history. He seems to come out of nowhere, at a time when Israel was in serious trouble and facing huge challenges.

In the 17th chapter of 1 Kings, Elijah announces that it will not rain for three and a half years. The 18th chapter tells the events that took place following the drought. Elijah returns to confront King Ahab and then the prophets of Baal.

POINTS OF UNDERSTANDING:

I. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RELIGION AND RELATIONSHIP

- A. Religion: A system whereby you attain Gods favor by doing certain things.
- Rituals, sacrifices, and other practices required in order to please Him and gain acceptance. Religion to some degree is fear and shame based.
- B. Relationship: A heart connection, genuine love, and deep desire to please. Acceptance, transparency, relationship is Jesus living in you and through you.
- Colossians 1:27, “Christ in you the hope of glory.”

- John 14:6-7, “I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me...”
- C. Grace distinguishes Christianity from other world religions.
- D. Elijah doesn't defend God. He is not trying to win an argument.
- 1 Kings 18:21, “... How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; But if Baal is God, follow him.”

II. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEGALISM AND OBEDIENCE

- A. Legalism: Requirements to gain God's acceptance, approval, and favor.
- B. Obedience: A choice to follow God because of love and relationship. Elijah listened to God and obeyed Him.

III. THE OBJECT OF FAITH IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN FAITH ITSELF

- A. Jesus is the object of faith.
- B. I pray you will have an experience with Jesus that will be so real you that you will never be able to forget or get away from it.
- Hebrews 11:11, “...she considered Him faithful who had made the promise”
 - Hebrews 13:8, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever”