

ELIJAH PART I JANUARY 26-27, 2019

INTRODUCTION

- Elijah lived in a time that was wild and wicked. Israel was in deep trouble with God for worshiping idols.
- Israel was fractured, split into two kingdoms, north and south.
- Ahab became king of the north with a wicked wife named Jezebel trained by occult priests.
- Ahab hunted down Israel's prophets and killed as many as he could find.
- Elijah was a prophet marked by faith and the Spirit of the Lord was on him with great power.
- James 5:17 tells us that Elijah was as human as each of us.
- Elijah lived in the power of God. A power that is available to all of us, His Spirit!

I. LEARN TO OBEY THERE IS NO OTHER WAY

- The key to Elijah was that he obeyed when the Lord spoke.
- I Kings 17:2-5 NLT, Then the Lord said to Elijah, "Go to the east and hide by Kerith Brook...Drink from the brook and eat what the ravens bring you, for I have commanded them to bring you food." So Elijah did as the Lord told him..."
- Elijah's life was marked by prayer, listening and obeying what his Father told him.
- When he obeyed God provided for him.
- Ahab had murdered tons of other prophets.

- Then the brook dried up. Elijah had to wonder what was up.
- God often lets the brook dry up to remind us to trust Him not the other stuff.
- Faith puts God between you and circumstances.

II. AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET BLESSED

- I Kings 17:6-16 - 3.5 years no rain
"...says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry...'"
- There is a famine in the land and God sends Elijah to a widow who only has one meal left.
- God is teaching a huge lesson about faith and giving in tough times.
- Key to the story - God sent Elijah to the widow to provide for her!
- God made a way for her to believe and obey.
- Giving and generosity brings both provision and protection to you.
- I Kings 17:17-24, "...Then the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived."
- God provided for her, the jar and the bin didn't run dry.
- And He protected her, her son was healed.

CLOSE

- Obey what God says even if it doesn't always make sense or set well with you at first.
- Believe bigger. Allow your faith to grow.