



## Great People in the Holy Bible Elijah the Prophet (2)

### [1 Kings: 18 &19]

#### Elijah and the prophets of Baal

##### For this study, please prepare:

† Holy Bible (Old and New Testaments)

† Pencil

† Papers, for your spiritual comments to keep within your bible

† You may need to underline some verses of your choice

##### ✘ Questions and Meditations:

† Now it came to pass after many days that the word of the Lord came to Elijah, in the third year, saying “Go, present yourself to Ahab and I will send rain on the earth” So, Elijah went to present himself to Ahab and there was a severe famine in Samaria. [1 Kings 18: 1-2]

• There was a severe famine for three and half years in the kingdom of Israel, so that Ahab the king would repent and turn away from evil. The Lord spoke to Elijah the prophet and told him to present himself to Ahab, and give him a chance to repent.

• In the king's palace that was filled with evil; a king that was concerned with his livestock while ignoring the needs of his people [1 Kings 18:5], a queen who is prophets' killer [1 Kings 18:4], at the same time, there was also a righteous man who worshiped the Lord. His name was “Obadiah” who hid hundred men of the Lord's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water, and kept them away so, they may not be killed by Jezebel. The Lord chose “Obadiah” to facilitate the meeting between his prophet “Elijah” and King Ahab [1 Kings 18:7-8]

1- Would you like to be a lite candle among family members and your friends?  
How would you do that? [Matthew 5:1-16].

✘ “And it came to pass when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel, but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord, and thou has followed Baalim” [1 Kings 18: 17 &18]

Instead of feeling that he sinned and, Ahab talked to Elijah “The Lord's Prophet” in an impolite way, and accused him, for causing the famine that came to Israel.

But Elijah, answered him back bravely, and told him that it was the other way around, and all was due to the Kings' fault as they followed Baalim.

2- How to deal with the Priests "Servants of the Lord"?

✘ And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, how long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. [1 Kings 18:21]

These words of Elijah, the prophet, are also for us, as we sometimes walk in the way of the Lord, listen and do His commandments, and other times, we stray and then come back to the right way, and so, on and so forth. This is not acceptable from the children of God. Let us be always on the right way, which leads to the heaven, the road of the Lord.

And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. [1 Kings 18: 36-37]

After Elijah repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down [1 Kings 18:30], he offered the sacrifice, and prayed to the Lord that He would manifest Himself to the people and let them realize that He is the true God. The Lord answered his prayers and destroyed the prophets of the Baal. [1 Kings 18:38-40].

Dear friend, if you worship the Lord with all your heart, He will manifest Himself to the people through you.

3- Do you make sure to pray to the Lord before you start any job, so that He may bless it?

✘ And he said I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. [1 Kings 19:14]

Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. [1 Kings 19:18]

Elijah began praying to the Lord, complaining that nobody was worshiping God except himself, the Lord comforted him telling him that there are still some 7 thousand people in Israel have not bowed to Baal yet.

✘ **Spiritual Exercise:**

When you feel down that evil is surrounding you, and everyone has denied the Lord, remember what God said to His prophet Elijah, regarding those knees that did not bow to the Baal, and, your heart will rejoice.