

Trusting God in the Face of the Enemy

Elijah: A Man of Heroism and Humility

Scripture Reading: *Romans 8:31-39*

- A. Can you imagine the headlines if there had been newspapers in the days of *1 Kings 18*?
- B. A brief recap of where we've been in our study of the life of Elijah, God's man in difficult times.

I. "After many days..." — Elijah's second confrontation with King Ahab (*1 Kings 18:1-18*)

- A. Three years earlier, God had told Elijah, "Go, hide yourself" (*18:3*)
- B. Elijah was the most wanted man in the land.
- C. Ahab: "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?" (*18:17*)
- D. Elijah shifts the blame for the severe desolation back where it belongs (*18:18*)
- E. The showdown begins: **Ahab vs. Elijah**; or more accurately, **idolatry vs. the living God**.

II. "Therefore send and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel..." (*1 Kings 18:19-40*)

- A. Elijah aims to provide undeniable proof that the LORD is the one true God (*18:21-24*).
 - 1. Baal was worshiped as the god of the sun (the "fire of the universe").
 - 2. Elijah's plan will provide a reasonable test of the power of the rival deities.
- B. "But there was no voice; no one answered; no one paid attention" (*18:25-29*).
- C. "The God who answers by fire, the LORD, he is God" (*18:30-40*).

III. Timeless truths for modern-day Elijahs

- A. When we are sure that we are in the will of God, we are _____.
- B. Divided allegiance is as wrong as open _____.
- C. Our most effective tool is the prayer of _____.
- D. Never underestimate the power of one totally dedicated _____.