

Elijah - The Power of God

Elijah's assignment (1 Kings 17:1) and Elijah's challenges (1 Kings 17:2-24).

Elijah's Assignment - 1 Kings 17:1

- a) Exercise authority for God over nature without getting arrogant about it. Elijah was self-controlled with God's power.
- b) Live by faith that God will take care of me as this drought rages.
- c) Prove that Baal is powerless before the only true God.
- d) The phrase "before whom I stand" asks "Before whom do I stand?"
- e) "As the LORD the God of Israel lives" is the one true God.

Conclusion: Trusting God prepares me for important God-assignments!

Speaking for God means three things, first, something is wrong, second, God wants it addressed, third, God wants you to address it.

Power is never the goal! Our part is obedience and God's part is power. Obey as you pray!

Fear is never good when it manifest towards men, it must be reserved for God alone.

Elijah's Challenges - 1 Kings 17:2-24

- a) The power of God never enriches Elijah.
- b) Elijah was not exempt from the trauma of the draught. National sin and poor choices by leaders affects the whole nation.
- c) When the Word of God is scarce, with an aggressive pursuit of comfort, God's people live as a minority, concerned about what God is concerned about!.
- d) The power of God begins by caring for our needs.

Conclusion: Faithful obedience is the foundation for the security of God's will.

Elijah cared deeply for those who are caught in the sins of others.

The story of the widow should remind us that when God's people live in sin it affects many others far beyond the realm of God's people. Pray for leaders, their choices affect us.

The widow gave up certainty for uncertainty; this is faith, and God loves to grow faith.

God cares deeply for those caught in the sin of others. Elijah prayed confidently and a boy returned to life.

God's power in a believer's life is not a trade-off; it's a relationship that God alone controls.