

Elijah - The Power of God

1 Kings 17-18

Inner Chiasm:

Introduction – Elijah: There will be no rain (1 Kings 17:1)
God cares for his prophet at the brook Cherith (1 Kings 17:2-6)
Elijah & God's power outside Israel (1 Kings 17:7-24)
The Contest (1 Kings 18:1-19)
Elijah & God's power inside Israel (1 Kings 18:20-39)
Baal can't care for his prophets at the brook Kidron (1 Kings 18:40)
Conclusion – Elijah: There will be rain (1 Kings 18:41-46)

Introduction:

God and Elijah (18:1-2)
Obadiah and Ahab (18:3-6)
Obadiah and Elijah (18:7-16)
Elijah and Ahab (18:17-19)
Elijah and Israel (18:20-40)
Elijah and God (18:41-46)

God and Elijah (18:1-2) - God is a speaking God; God's voice is written in Scripture and when God speaks today he never contradicts his written word, Scripture.

What God is about to do is not as important as what God has already said!

Obadiah and Ahab (18:3-6) – Elijah, Obadiah, Ahab and Jezebel.

Obadiah and Elijah (18:7-16) – Obadiah's fear – Serving God and battling fear

First, keep God first, and pray for openings. Fear hides, faith steps out trusting God for direction and safety.

Second, fear not being used by God, more than being found out by men.

Third, fear is about my immediate needs, faith is about God's future designs.

Elijah and Ahab (18:17-19) - "Sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

Conclusion: These verses are the center of the story because God's authority is in question,

All of Israel's national life rose and fell on leadership. Leadership must be people of great moral character and faithfulness to truth and righteousness.