

Elijah: Lessons from an OT Prophet
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Elijah, 1 Kings 17:1ff

The Lord is my God

Whom I serve, before whom I stand "in service", 12:31, unfaithful kings and priests

Prophet to serve as spokesman, official representative rather than king or priest

Elijah parallel to Moses

Predicts drought

Man of faith and prayer, God provides

Widow, 1 Kings 17:7-24

Not an Israelite

Depend on the Lord, the Lord supplies, 13-14

Obedient, 15

In the midst of problems, where turn? 17

The importance of compassion, caring

The importance of personal contact

The Lord hears faithful leaders

Faithful leaders are declared men of God by their actions, not their position

Faithful leaders are declared men of God by their results

Mount Carmel, 1 Kings 18:16-46

Confronts the king who was wrong

Accused of being trouble maker

Calls to decisions, commitment

The confrontation, leaders are recognized by their faith and courage

Leaders make clear that God is God

Leaders pray

Self-doubts, 1 Kings 19:1-8

Leaders face obstacles, barriers, opposition

Opposition is opportunity

Elijah was afraid, was tempted to give up

Leaders recognize God

Leaders are sometimes lonely, without support of others