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Elijah, A Study In Faith

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The grandest and most romantic character that Israel ever produced!" Scholar's estimate.
A Tishbite from Gilead, long hair below shoulders, clothes in skin of animal, cape of sheepskin.
God's antagonist against protagonists Ahab, Jezebel.

I. FIVE GREAT EVENTS IN THE PROPHET'S LIFE. (5 prepos.)

1. BEFORE AHAB. 17:1. Bold speaker, faith in God.
a. Predicted drought as punishment—Jezebel, Baal.

a. Bread & flesh twice daily brought by Raven.

3. AT ZARE-PHATH. Phoenician city between Tyre & Sidon.
b. Raised widow's son. 17-24. Takes great faith!!

4. ON MOUNT CARMEL. 18. Supreme test of Elijah's faith.
a. Obadiah, governor, took Ahab the message. 1-16.
b. Elijah accused of trouble-making. 17. Visa verse.
c. Elijah challenges Ahab. At Mt. Carmel. 19-20
   e. Elijah challenges 850 false prophets. 25-29.
   f. The sacrifices prepared. Results. 30-38.
   g. Elijah's faith vindicated. Israel impressed. 39
   h. 850 prophets slain at brook Kishon. 40.

5. IN THE WILDERNESS. His failing faith & revival.
   b. Elijah begs for death and is strengthened. 9-18.
   c. Elijah returns and serves the Lord well. Ch. 21.

CONCLUSION: Elijah's faith served him well.
Elijah is translated into Heaven. II K. 2:11.
Elijah talks with the King of Kings. Matt. 17:3.

INV: We too will talk with Jesus someday. Heb. 9:27. M.25.

LESSONS FOR US: FAITH STRONG?
Halting between two opinions disastrous. B-R-C-B

Worldly pressures pull Christians away at times.
R-P

Identify as soon as satisfied have found a proper church home.
**GOD'S LONELY MAN - ELIJAH**

*James 5:16-20*

In 1 K. 17:1 strange character suddenly springs into Bible spotlight. Elijah the Tishbite of Gilead. In next 8 chapters God puts His stamp of approval on this prophet 8 times. Man of iron-faith & courage—LONELY!! Thrilling story of God's Reformer, Rebuker, Restorer and Reawakener at work reviving true worship, justice & rig miracles

### I. EIGHT GREAT WONDERS ENCOURAGE & SUSTAIN THIS LONELY MAN.

   *Wife, idol, altar and grove. Elijah alone against!!*

2. Food and Drink furnished at Cherith. 17:2-7. Solitude! 380 species of birds. RAVENS.

3. Meal and Oil at Zarephath. 17:8-16. Running miracle! (SERAIPA)


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**INV**:

ELIJAH most noted as a man of IRON-COURAGE, based on faith in God. Stumbled once! Recovered. 13:11, 18.

God needs men like Elijah today. Hope our boys aspire to be like Elijah, John Baptist.

**TONIGHT**

God needs men and women, boys and girls with the courage to STEP FORWARD for God.  