

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. When Ahab searched for Elijah with an evil intent what kept him from carrying out his purpose?
2. When Elijah challenged Baal, did he know God would reveal His power?
3. Does God give victory to His disciples today similar to that which Elijah experienced?

### SUMMARY:

Ahab, after a long search, now had his chance to see Elijah. He perhaps thought he could make a prisoner out of this man, but he failed to realize that ministering angels were watching over Elijah. It must have been upsetting to Ahab to see the boldness of Elijah's challenge and then to see him victorious over the prophets of Baal. The worst part for Ahab came when the people recognized that "the Lord, He is God."

God gave the victory and He has promised to give victory to all those who faithfully serve Him. This does require devoted service and holy living, a complete separation from the pleasures and enticements of the world so that God's Spirit can dwell within us. [\[SoF:7, 8\]](#)

### NOTES:

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[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation. [\[SoF:9\]](#) We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in spiritual unity with Christ.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

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Second Quarter

### ELIJAH, GOD'S CHAMPION

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**LESSON TEXT:** *1 Kings 18:7-46*

**LESSON SETTING:** In Samaria - during the reign of King Ahab.

**TIME:** Approximately 906 B.C.

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#### I. **AHAB CONFRONTS ELIJAH.** 1 Kings 18:7-18

- A. Ahab Instills Fear (vs. 12, 14)
- B. False Accusations (vs. 17) Matthew 27:12; Luke 6:7; 1 Peter 3:16
- C. Sin Rebuked (vs. 18) 1 Samuel 2:29; 2 Samuel 12:7, 9; Luke 23:39-40

#### II. **ELIJAH CHALLENGES BAAL.** 1 Kings 18:19-24

- A. People Called to Decision (vs. 21) Joshua 24:15
- B. Baal To Be Revealed (vs. 24)

#### III. **GOD GIVES VICTORY.** 1 Kings 18:25-46

- A. Baal Fails (vs. 25-29) Deuteronomy 4:28; Isaiah 45:20; Jeremiah 10:5
- B. God Answers Prayer (vs. 36-38) 1 Samuel 7:9; Acts 4:31
- C. People Recognized God (vs. 39) Acts 11:21; Acts 18:8
- D. God Gives a Second Proof (vs. 42-45) Genesis 18:32; Acts 12:5-11; James 5:17-18

**GOLDEN TEXT:** . . . ***GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD.***

1 John 4:4

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** 1 Kings 19:1-18

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Psalm 55:1-23; Romans 11:1-6

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Kings and Prophets of Israel

**TOPIC:** ELIJAH FACES DISCOURAGEMENT

**INTRODUCTION:**

After Elijah had revealed himself to Ahab and had displayed the power of God and the lifeless and powerless Baal, and after the false prophets had been removed, rain had again fallen on the land. But for Elijah this victory seemed to be short-lived. The wrath of Jezebel and Ahab weighed great upon him and in desperation he fled.

On the way a ministering angel had provided for him with food to strengthen his body. This should have been enough to encourage him again, but even in the strength of this he continued to flee. Finally he came to the end of his journey and God spoke to him and admonished him for fleeing. Elijah justified himself in the fact that he stood alone, but God told him that he had reserved 7,000 who had not bowed their knees to Baal.

Oftentimes we become discouraged and feel we stand alone. Even in the midst of God's bountiful provision we fail to recognize and take courage that His angels as ministering spirits (Hebrews 1:13-14) are caring for us. Then as we reach the end of our journey of despair the Lord reveals that still today He has reserved His "7,000" who have not bowed to Baal.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Although moments of great testing sometimes follow close on the heels of great triumphs, God never forsakes us.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** . . . *THE LORD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY LIFE;  
OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID?* Psalm 27:1

It is possible that the writings of King David were available to Elijah. Regardless, Elijah could surely have testified this same thing. Yet, despite the fact that God had been with him and blessed him during the time of the three-year draught and had protected him against the wrath of Ahab and Jezebel, he became alarmed at this new threat and fled into a far-away place.

Perhaps we are often much like Elijah. We go through experiences where we are wondrously cared for by the Lord and we rejoice in Him, but when a new trial comes we again have doubts and misgivings.

Let us take courage in the messages left us by those who have gone before and who have witnessed God's strength. Let us say with the Apostle Paul, "if God be for us, who can be against us?"

Though trouble assail, and danger affright,  
Though friends should all fail, and foes all unite,  
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide;  
The promise assures us: "The Lord will provide."

Z.H. 86:1

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 7 – 13**

M. \*Elijah's Dark Hour. 1 Kings 19:1-8

T. \*The Voice of God. 1 Kings 19:9-18

W. Benhadad's Boast. 1 Kings 20:1-12

T. God Speaks to Ahab. 1 Kings 20:13-21

F. God's Second Message to Ahab. 1 Kings 20:22-30

S. Ahab's Misplaced Mercy. 1 Kings 20:31-34

S. God Warns Ahab. 1 Kings 20:35-43

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