

Elijah and the Prophets of Baal I Kings 18-19

Introduction:

Retell the story (I Kgs. 18-19)

- I. Elijah accomplishes a great task at Mt. Carmel (18:20-40).
 - A. He defeated the 450 prophets of Baal.
 1. Their god would not answer to them.
 2. God burned the sacrifice that Elijah offered to Him.
 - B. We can all do great things for the Lord.
 1. It may not be defeating 450 false teachers at one time, but we can do something.
 2. We all feel good when we do things for the Lord.

- II. Sometimes, we all get frustrated in our work for the Lord.
 - A. Elijah was frustrated because he thought he was the only one serving God (19:1-10).
 1. He had just completed a great task for the Lord.
 2. Yet, he thought that he was alone.
 - B. It is important to have others to help us.
 1. Gal 6:1-2 - Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. {2} Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
 2. Rom 15:1 - We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

- III. When we are faithful to the Lord, we are never alone.
 - A. Elijah thought he was alone (19:11-18, esp. 15-19).
 1. There were 7,000 who had not bowed the knee to Baal.
 2. Despite what Elijah thought, he was not alone.
 - B. When we are faithful, we are never alone.
 1. Mt. 12:46-50
 2. We need to act like the early church.
 3. If we truly act like family, we will work together for the good of all.

Conclusion: