

The Faith of Elijah

Introduction:

1. In Hebrews 11:32 "*the prophets*" are mentioned in connection with their faith.
 - a. The prophets served in the past as God's spokesmen (Hebrews 1:1).
 - b. God sent many prophets to reveal His Word to the Israelites.
 - c. The Israelites were given guidelines for dealing with the prophets in:
 - 1) Deuteronomy 13:1-5; 18:20-22
 - 2) Jeremiah 28:9-10.
2. Elijah was one of the greatest prophets.
 - a. Elijah "*went up by a whirlwind into heaven*" (2 Kings 2:11).
 - b. Elijah appeared with Moses when Jesus was transfigured (Matthew 17:3).
 - c. Elijah demonstrated great faith on several occasions.
 - d. His activities are recorded in 1 Kings 17 - 2 Kings 2.

Discussion:

- I. (1 Kings 17:1) ELIJAH IS INTRODUCED
 - A. He was known as "*Elijah the Tishbite.*"
 - B. He was from Gilead.
 - C. At the time Ahab was king of Israel (see 1 Kings 16:29-33).
 - D. Elijah revealed to Ahab that there would be no rain unless he first announced it [James referred to this point as an illustration -- James 5:16b-18].
- II. (1 Kings 17:2-7) GOD DIRECTED ELIJAH TO GO TO A PLACE WHERE HE WOULD BE SUSTAINED BY THE RAVENS
- III. (1 Kings 17:8-16) GOD DIRECTED ELIJAH TO GO TO ZAREPHATH WHERE HE WOULD BE SUSTAINED BY A WIDOW
- IV. (1 Kings 17:17-24) ELIJAH RAISED THE WIDOW'S SON
- V. (1 Kings 18:1-6) GOD DIRECTED ELIJAH TO APPEAR BEFORE AHAB WHO SENT OBADIAH TO SEARCH FOR A PLACE THAT WOULD SUSTAIN THE LIVESTOCK
- VI. (1 Kings 18:7-16) ELIJAH SENT OBADIAH TO TELL AHAB THAT HE WAS PRESENT