

Elijah's _____ for the LORD – **1 Kings 17:1 – 18:46**

1. He proclaims a drought to Ahab in Israel – **1 Kings 17:1** - *Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”*
2. He is provided direction and substance by the LORD at the brook Cherith - **1 Kings 17:3–4** - *“Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”*
3. He is provided direction and substance by the LORD in Zarephath – **1 King 17:9** - *“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”*
4. He raises from the dead through the LORD the son of the widow of Zaraphath – **1 Kings 17:23** - *And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.”*
5. He confronts Ahab and the people of Israel over there sin at Mount Carmel – **1 Kings 18:18 & 21** - *And he answered, “I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father’s house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals....And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” And the people did not answer him a word.*
6. He defeats the prophets of Baal by calling down fire from heaven ending at the Brook Kishon– **1 Kings 18:38 & 40** - *Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench... And Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape.” And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.*

7. He prays in the rain that ends the 40 month drought finishing up in Jezreel - **1 Kings 18:45–46** -*And in a little while the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and he gathered up his garment and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.*

Elijah's _____ despite the LORD – **1 Kings 19:1-18**

1. He is intimidated by Jezebel and runs to Beersheba – **1 Kings 19:2-3** - *Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.*
2. He runs into the wilderness a day's journey where he wants to quits and begs to dies – **1 Kings 19:4** - *But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.”*
3. He is strengthened by the LORD and flees further to Mount Horeb -**1 Kings 19:8** - *And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.*
4. He lodges himself in a cave where the LORD confronts him asking “What are you doing here?” – **1 Kings 19:9-10** - *There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.”*

What is the _____ of the servant of the LORD being depressed?

- Depth from highs - We are most susceptible to a fall after our highest moments - **1 Kings 18:20-46** - Defeat's prophets
- Depletion of the physical – Elijah ran 25 miles ahead of Ahab
- Difficulties of life - **1 Kings 19:1-3** - We think we are exempt because we are serving God - see **Job 5:7**
- Dependence on self - Elijah tried to deliver himself by running away

Elijah's _____ from the LORD - **1 Kings 19:19**

1 Kings 19:19 - *So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him.*

What are the _____ of the servant of the LORD being depressed?

- ☐ The “Poor little old me syndrome” - **1 Kings 19:4**
- ☐ The “I quit syndrome” - **1 Kings. 19:9** - Elijah had left the work of God for a cave - God asks him what he is doing there.
- ☐ The “I’m all alone syndrome” - **1 Kings 19:14**

Today's Takeaways

What are the _____ of the servant of the LORD from being depressed?

- The _____ for the physical - **1 Kings 19:5-7**
- The _____ of the Basics - Mt. Horeb, the Mount of God (Mt. Siani), where the ten commandments were given to Moses - **1 Kings. 19:8**
- The _____ from God - We need to hear again His voice, it is our spiritual food - see **Matthew 4:4 & 1 Kings 19:9-13a**
- The _____ re-evaluation of the present - Cp. **1 Kings 19:14 & 19:18**
- The _____ to work - **1 Kings 19:15-17**
- The _____ of a helper - **1 Kings. 19:19&20** - Elisha joins Elijah

