

# Allen Temple Baptist Church

Sunday School Live 

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**Sunday October 27, 2024**

**Title: Boldness to Stand Courageously  
in God's Providence**

**Text: 1 Kings 18:5 - 18**

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# BACKGROUND

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- **King Ahab reigned in Israel for 22 years and Israel violated many of God's Commands; in example**
- **(Exodus 20:3) Never to worship false gods.**
- **Deuteronomy 5:7), not to invoke their names.**
- **(Exodus 23:13),not to marry their adherents or practice any of their customs.**

## PEOPLE PLACES & TIME

1. **Obadiah:** Not the prophet and author of Obadiah. This Obadiah worked for King Ahab as a governor, mayor, and one of the top officials.
2. **Elijah:** A mighty prophet during a turbulent time in Israel's history. The nation worshipped Baal; Elijah prophesied against this apostasy in God's people.

# PEOPLE PLACES & TIME

**3. Ahab:** one of the most rebellious in Israel's history (1 Kings 16:30). He married Jezebel, a Baal worshiper who hated God's people.

Ahab worshipped false gods Baal and Asherah (1 Kings 16:31–33). God sent Elijah and Elisha to warn him, but he refused to listen. (1 Kings 18:4)

# LESSON INTRODUCTION

- **God's prophet Elijah first confronted Ahab in (1 Kings 17:1– 7). announcing a drought to come upon the whole land because of the people's sin.**
- **This threat challenged the worship of Baal.**
- **Elijah left and was not seen for 3 years, angering Ahab, Elijah now returns to confront the king.**

# LESSON INTRODUCTION

- **Deborah a Prophetess, and Judge was used by God during challenging times. Deborah relayed God's orders to Barak & proceeded in faith.**
- **A partnership appointed by GOD, answered the Israelites call for help. Deborah & Barak lead Israel to victory over the Canaanites with Gods help.**

# LESSON OUTLINES

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- 1. Gods Providence (1 Kings 18:5-8)**
- 2. God's Servant (1 Kings 18:9-16)**
- 3. God's Prophet (1 Kings 18:17-18)**

# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

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- 1. What does God's punishment of Israel tell us about His expectations of us?**
- 2. How should we respond to God when given a fearful assignment ?**
- 3. What did Obadiah's cause him to feel?  
What would you do?**



# 1 KINGS 18:1-2 NRSV

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- 1. After many days the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year of the drought, saying, “Go, present yourself to Ahab; I will send rain on the earth.”**
- 2. So, Elijah went to present himself to Ahab. The famine was severe in Samaria.**

# 1 KINGS 18:3-4 NRSV

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**3). Ahab summoned Obadiah, who was in charge of the palace. Now Obadiah revered the LORD greatly;**

**4). When Jezebel was killing off the prophets of the LORD, Obadiah took a hundred prophets, hid them fifty to a cave, and provided them with bread and water.**

# 1 KINGS 18:5 NRSV

**5. And Ahab said to Obadiah, “Go through the land to all the springs of water and to all the valleys. Perhaps we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, and not lose some of the animals.”**

# KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

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- 1. The severe famine of 3 years was a result of Israel's disobedience and idol worship.**
- 2. Elijah predicted the drought as a warning. When God Commanded Elijah, he obeyed.**
- 3. God used Elijah and Obadiah to show his Omnipotence to All.**

# 1 KINGS 18:6-7 NRSV

**6. So, they divided the land between them to pass through it. Ahab went in one direction by himself, and Obadiah went in another direction by himself.**

**7. And as Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah met him. And Obadiah recognized him and fell on his face and said, “Is it you, my lord Elijah?”**

# 1 KINGS 18:8-9 NRSV

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- 8. He answered him, “It is I. Go, tell your lord that Elijah is here.”**
- 9. And he said, “How have I sinned, that you would hand your servant over to Ahab to kill me?”**

# 1 KINGS 18:10 NRSV

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**10 As the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom to which my lord has not sent to seek you, and when they would say, 'He is not here,' he would require an oath of the kingdom or nation that they had not found you.**

# 1 KINGS 18:11-12 NRSV

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**11. But now you say, ‘Go, tell your lord that Elijah is here.’ 12. As soon as I have gone from you, the spirit of the LORD will carry you I know not where; so, when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although I your servant have revered the LORD from my youth.**



# 1 KINGS 18:13-14 NRSV

- 13. Has it not been told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, how I hid a hundred of the LORD's prophets fifty to a cave and provided them with bread and water?**
- 14. Yet now you say, 'Go, tell your lord that Elijah is here'; he will surely kill me.**

# KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

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- 1. Obadiah was sent out by Ahab for Ahab's benefit and likely kill if dissatisfied.**
- 2. On the mission, Obadiah sees Elijah who tells him to go tell Ahab he wants to see him.**
- 3. Obadiah is placed in precarious position.**

# 1 KINGS 18:15-16 NRSV

**15. Elijah said, “As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today.” 16. So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah.**

# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

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- 1. HOW LONG HAD OBADIAH SERVED GOD?**
- 2. WHAT WAS THE CAUSE OF OBADIAH'S DOUBT?**
- 3. WHAT ASSURANCE DID ELIJAH PROVIDE TO OBADIAH?**

# 1 KINGS 18:16-17 NRSV

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**17. When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, “Is it you, you troubler of Israel?”**

**18. He answered, “I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father’s house, because you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals**

# LESSON SUMMARY

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**Christians engaged in idolatry will experience God's justice and prayerfully come to repentance.**

**God is sovereign, God can and will use anyone he desires to accomplish his plan.**

**When tested by GOD trust in Him & not what we see.**

# LIBERATING LESSON

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**Speaking the truth today, especially to those who disagree with Christian beliefs, is not always easy. Elijah walked in confidence. He struggled at times with negative thinking and depression, but he also listened to God and followed His instructions. Remember this mindset when tested or challenged and stand bold like Elijah.**

# LIFE APPLICATION

**God has specific roles and tasks for his Children to accomplish.**

**God used Elijah and Obadiah to show Ahab who is THE SUPREME GOD.**

**What role has God prepared you for? Stand Firm.**

**Remember: Where God Guides, God will provide.**