

1 Kings 18:1-16

After many days the word of the Lord came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth." 2 So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria. 3 And Ahab called Obadiah, who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared the Lord greatly, 4 and when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water.) 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." 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?" 8 And he answered him, "It is I. Go, tell your lord, 'Behold, Elijah is here.' " 9 And he said, "How have I sinned, that you would give your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me? 10 As the Lord your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my lord has not sent to seek you. And when they would say, 'He is not here,' he would take an oath of the kingdom or nation, that they had not found you. 11 And now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, "Behold, Elijah is here.'" 12 And as soon as I have gone from you, the Spirit of the Lord will carry you I know not where. And so, when I come and tell Ahab and he cannot find you, he will kill me, although I your servant have feared the Lord from my youth 13 Has it not been told my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the Lord, how I hid a hundred men of the Lord's prophets by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water? 14 And now you say, 'Go, tell your lord, "Behold, Elijah is here"; and he will kill me.' 15 And 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.

Scripture References:

Romans 14:4 – *Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand.*

John 17:15-17 – *I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.*

Matthew 10:16 – *Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.*

Colossians 4:5 - *Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.*

Philippians 1:20-21 – *as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

East Glenville Church – Sermon Notes Handout – May 8th 2022
Elijah: The Lonely Prophet #3 – 1 Kings 18:1-16– The Hidden Prophets

Recap: When Israel turns from the Lord to _____ false gods, the prophet Elijah declares a _____ upon the land. Queen _____, seeks to kill the other prophets of the Lord.

1 Kings 18:1-2 The Lord will end the _____. Elijah is sent to Ahab to announce it.

18:3-6 Obadiah is King Ahab's _____ man, and has been _____ hiding the prophets of the Lord in caves to protect them from Jezebel's persecution.

18:7-8 *What is Elijah's attitude toward Obadiah, and why?*

18:9-12 *What is Obadiah's concern? Is it an unreasonable fear?*

18:13 Elijah assumed Obadiah was _____ with Jezebel's killing of the prophets.

18:14-16 *Who would you rather be, Obadiah or Elijah? Which man had the tougher task?*

Can you think of other examples of God placing someone at the right hand of an ungodly king?

Three Different Points of View

Elijah: *"I am the only one _____ who is faithful to the Lord."*

Romans 14:4 - Elijah's calling, as important as it is, is not the only way to serve the Lord.

Hidden Prophets: *"How do we stay faithful when everyone else has turned away?"*

John 17:16 – We are in the world, but we are not _____ the world.

Obadiah: *"For what _____ did the Lord place me in this position?"*

Matthew 10:16 – Be on guard against the corruption of this world. Integrity is more important than _____.

Colossians 4:5 - *Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.*

How does this apply to you right now in your life?

Sermon Handout Answers:

Fill in the Blank Answers:

- *Worship*
- *Drought*
- *Jezebel*
- *Drought*
- *Right-hand*
- *Secretly*
- *On-board with --- or Complicit - Involved*
- *Left*
- *Of*
- *Purpose*
- *Winning*

Can you think of other examples of God placing someone at the right hand of an ungodly king?

- *Esther*
- *Daniel*
- *Joseph*