

# Elijah

James 5:17

## Introduction:

- A. Who was this Elijah that was so much like us?
  - 1. Mention by name 30 times in N.T. — Compare Isaiah 21, Jeremiah 3.
  - 2. John the Baptist came in his power and spirit. (Luke 1:17)
  - 3. On the Mt. of transfiguration. (Matt. 17:4,5)
  - 4. Lived Israel in days of Ahab.
- B. O. T. presents several pictures of Elijah with lessons for us today.

## Discussion:

### **II. Elijah: “A Man Of God.” (I Kings 17:24)**

- A. God provided for him.
  - 1. Ravens (1 Kgs. 17:1-7)
  - 2. Widow (1 Kgs. 17:8-16)
- B. God confirmed him. (1 Kgs. 17:17-24)
- C. God answered him. (Jas. 5:17ff; 1 Kings 18:41-45)
- D. God took him home. (2 Kgs. 2)

### **III. Elijah: A “Troubler Of Israel.” (1 Kings 18:17,18)**

- A. He troubled Jezebel. (1 Kings 19:1,2)
- B. He trouble Ahab and Jezebel over their killing of Naboth. (1 Kings 21)

### **IV. Elijah: A Challenger Of Prophets. (1 Kings 18:20-40)**

- A. The challenge (v. 1)
- B. The antics of the prophets. (v.25-29)
- C. The mocking of Elijah. (v. 27)
- D. The victory for Elijah. (30-40)

### **V. Elijah: “A Man Of Like Passions As Us.” (Jas.5:17 KJV)**

- A. Elijah under Juniper tree. (1 Kings 19:4-8)
- B. Elijah in the cave. (1 Kings 19:9-10)
- C. Elijah at the cave entrance. (1 Kings 19:11-14)
- D. Elijah is reassured. (1 Kings 19:18)

## Conclusion:

- A. We need men like John with “spirit and power of Elijah”
- B. We need to understand “effectual fervent prayers of righteousness men avail much”
- C. We need to understand that God will provide - if we will be righteous.