

A TRUE MAN OF GOD **I Kings 17:17-18:16**

Lets learn from Elijah some characteristics of godliness.

I. PRAYERFUL (17:17-24)

A. THE CRISIS (17-18)

1. A breathless boy (17)
2. A bitter mother (18)
 - a. Blaming Elijah for his death
 - Literally she says: “You executed him”
 - b. She is plagued with some unresolved sin and the guilt associated with it

B. THE INTERVENTION (19-23)

1. Elijah’s Response (19)
 - He is gentle when provoked
2. Elijah’s Prayer (20-21)
 - a. The problem (20)
 - b. The plea (21)
3. The Result (22)
4. The Presentation (23)

C. THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT (24)

1. Elijah is a man of God
2. Elijah speaks the words of God

D. THE LESSON

- Prayerful people show grace and show God to the needy.

II. OBEDIENT (18:1-2)

A. GOD SAID “GO” (1)

1. Show yourself to Ahab
 - He couldn’t find you, so you go find him
2. Quit hiding
3. Give a new message: Rain rather than drought

B. ELIJAH WENT (2)

1. Moving from the comfort and consistency of the widow’s home
2. Continuing his compliant ways

C. LESSON

- God always needs obedient spokespeople who are in tune with His instructions

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III. TRUSTWORTHY (18:3-16)

A. THE SITUATION (2b-6)

1. Severe famine (2b, 5)
2. Two contrasting surveyors
 - a. Ahab cares about cattle (5)
 - b. Obadiah cares about prophets (3b-4)

B. THE ENCOUNTER (7-14)

1. Obadiah's Respect (7)
2. Elijah's Message (8)
3. Obadiah's Hesitation (9-14)
 - a. Fear of death (9-11)
 - b. Fear of uncertainty (12)
 - c. Fear of injustice (13-14)

C. THE ASSURANCE (15-16)

1. Elijah's Oath (15)
 - I will definitely show myself to Ahab today
2. Obadiah's Action (16)
 - a. He told the king
 - b. He didn't die!

D. THE LESSONS

1. The servants of God serve differently
 - a. Obadiah protested his assignment
 - b. Elijah proclaimed his announcement
2. No matter the ministry, we must carry it out in a trustworthy way

CONCLUSION:

People will be able to tell by our actions if we are truly godly people.