



A DAY WITH THE
KING

This week we will study about Elijah and how God used him to bring about the beginning of a reformation in the northern kingdom of Israel.



Torchlight

"He who was Elijah's strength is strong to uphold every struggling child of His, no matter how weak. Of everyone He expects loyalty, and to everyone He grants power according to the need. In his own strength man is strengthless; but in the might of God he may be strong to overcome evil and to help others to overcome. Satan can never gain advantage of him who makes God his defence" – Prophets & Kings p. 175



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Showdown at Carmel



SUNDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, help me to be grateful and thankful for all You have done for me. Help me to appreciate my family and to also be grateful for their care of me. I pray that You will please strengthen my faith so that I can be a better witness for You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - COLOSSIANS 4:2

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving”.

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Kings 17:8-24



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today tells us about Elijah being told by God to travel way up north to the country of Phoenicia to a town called Zarephath. God had a woman, who was a widow, ready to take care of Elijah in this town. The woman was very poor. So poor that she was collecting firewood outside the city in readiness to cook her and her son's last meal when Elijah found her. Elijah promised that if she would provide a meal for him her food would never run out. Verses 15-16 tell us that is exactly what happened. Sometime after this the widow's son fell very ill and died. The widow cried out in great distress and Elijah took the child and prayed over him. God revived the child. This act strengthened the widow's faith in God.

God used a very poor widow to do a work for Him. He knew her heart. Even



though she was not an Israelite, she believed in God. In faith she did as Elijah asked and used her last bit of food first to prepare a meal for him before preparing a meal for her and her son. God rewarded her simple faith. God will sometimes use the poorest, the sickest and the simplest of people in his work.

FIND A WORD

In our reading today, how many times did the name 'Elijah' appear?

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





MONDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for watering the earth with rain so that the plants grow and we have food to eat. Help me to be grateful for what I have and to think of others who have less than me. Bless me with a sharing heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - COLOSSIANS 4:2

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving”.

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Kings 18:1-19



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

After three years of no rain or dew, God told Elijah to go and present himself to King Ahab. King Ahab and his servant Obadiah, who was in charge of Ahab's household, were travelling through the land to try and find some food and water for King Ahab's animals. They had decided to split up and go in different directions. Elijah suddenly appeared before Obadiah, who immediately recognised him. Elijah told Obadiah to go and find Ahab. But Obadiah was afraid as he knew that King Ahab, and all the surrounding nations, had been looking high and low for Elijah yet could not find him. Obadiah was afraid that Elijah would disappear again, but Elijah promised Obadiah that he would remain where he was until Ahab arrived. It's interesting to note that as soon as Ahab saw Elijah he immediately blamed him for the drought. Elijah told Ahab that he himself was to blame, as he had led the Israelites into apostasy by worshipping Baal. Elijah commanded Ahab to summon all of Israel and the false prophets of Baal and Asherah, to meet him at Mt Carmel.

Notice in verses 3-4 and 12-13 that Obadiah, despite being employed in a household that worshipped idols, had remained faithful to God. He had even protected and hidden a hundred prophets of God from Jezebel in two caves. Obadiah had kept them alive by providing them with bread and water at great peril to his own life. What amazing faith!



FIND A WORD

In today's Bible reading, how many times did the name 'Obadiah' appear? _____

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





TUESDAY

LET'S PRAY Dearest Heavenly Father, thank You that I can come to You anytime, anywhere and pray to You. Forgive me for my sins and help me to learn from my mistakes. Please give me wisdom so that I can make good choices today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - COLOSSIANS 4:2

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving”.

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Kings 18:20-40



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today tells us that Elijah spoke to the false prophets and proposed a test to see who was the true God. The false prophets prepared an altar to their so-called Baal god and called out to him all morning to come and consume their sacrifice. They got themselves so worked up around their altar that they actually cut themselves, screamed, and carried on, until they were absolutely exhausted. Their behaviour really shocked the Israelites and they finally realised what they had been worshipping. At the end of the day the false prophets were defeated. Their so-called gods had not come to burn up their offering. Elijah called the people to come close to him and he quietly and reverently prepared his altar. He instructed that three lots of water be poured all over his sacrifice so it was completely drenched. Elijah knelt down and humbly prayed to God. No sooner had Elijah finished his prayer than God sent down fire from heaven to consume his offering as well as the water and stones. The fire from heaven was so powerful that even the Israelites who were at the bottom of Mt Carmel could see the pillar of fire. All of Israel finally repented and acknowledged God as the true God. Even though the false prophets witnessed the great power of God they still chose not to repent and they died for their sins.

It's interesting to note the difference between the false prophets and the true prophet (Elijah). The false prophets screamed and carried on for a whole day, but the true prophet knelt down quietly and calmly prayed to God. It's something we can all think about!



FIND A WORD

In today's reading, how many times does the word 'bull' or 'bulls' appear? _____

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





WEDNESDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Father, thank You for Your kindness and mercy to me. Please help me to be kind to others. Thank You for my Bible and please send me the Holy Spirit to help me to understand what I read today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - COLOSSIANS 4:2

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving”.

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Kings 18:41-46
& 19:1-8



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

After God had accepted Elijah's sacrifice, Elijah went off to pray for the promised rain. Elijah prayed six times, each time asking his servant to go and look out at the horizon for signs of rain. After the seventh session of prayer, Elijah again sent his servant out to see if he could see any signs of the promised rain. The servant returned with the news that he could see a cloud approaching. Elijah warned Ahab to get down off Mt Carmel and go home before the storm arrived. The storm, though, arrived very suddenly. God poured out a special measure of the Holy Spirit upon Elijah to give him the strength to run ahead of Ahab's chariot, to guide him through the storm to his palace at Jezreel. When Jezebel found out about what happened that day on Mt Carmel she was so angry she threatened to have Elijah killed. Upon hearing about this, Elijah's faith faltered. He lost his courage and ran. The Bible tells us he ran 140km south with his servant to Beersheba. Elijah left his servant there and continued another day's journey into the wilderness. God, in his kindness and mercy, sent an angel to feed Elijah twice. This was so life-sustaining that it kept him going for the next forty days as he travelled to Mt Horeb, or Mt Sinai as it is also known.



This reading today tells us how human Elijah the prophet really was. One moment he was doing a mighty work for God on Mt Carmel and only hours later he was running in fear for his life because of the threats made by Jezebel. This story gives us hope that if God can work through Elijah He can also work through us!

FIND A WORD

In today's Bible reading, how many times did the word 'rain' appear?

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





THURSDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank you for the stories in the Bible, which strengthen my belief in You. Help me to listen to Your 'still small voice' and be faithful in the little things. I pray that people will see Jesus in me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - COLOSSIANS 4:2

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving”.

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Kings 19:9-18



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

In our reading today, God revealed Himself to Elijah in a cave on Mt Sinai. God wanted Elijah to know that it was not only the big things that make someone great in the work of the LORD, but it's the 'still small voice' that is important to God. We need to listen to God when we pray and when we read His Word, the Bible. It may not be an audible voice but an impression in our minds that God communicates to us through the Holy Spirit. Elijah had made a mistake in running away from Jezebel. If Elijah had stayed, and prayed to God about it, God would have protected Elijah and dealt with Jezebel. God still loved him and still had a work for Elijah to do. God informed Elijah that He was going to use others to bring a reformation in Israel and remove the Baal idol worship. God was going to use Hazael, the king of Syria, Jehu the new king of Israel, and Elisha as the prophet.

Don't think you have to do something great for God to be counted as a servant of His. It's the 'still small voice', a quiet, humble, faithful life that can make a great and wonderful impact on others.



FIND A WORD

In today's reading, how many times was the word 'cave' mentioned?

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





FRIDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, thank You for blessing me this week and taking good care of me. Help me to be willing to help my family to prepare for the Sabbath. Thank you for my Bible and help me to understand what I read in it today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - COLOSSIANS 4:2

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving”.

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

2 Chronicles 17:1-19



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today introduces us to king Jehoshaphat of the southern kingdom of Judah. Jehoshaphat became king when his father, king Asa, died. The Bible tells us that Jehoshaphat, like his father, did what was 'right in the sight of the LORD.' God blessed Jehoshaphat because he was faithful to God and kept His commandments. Jehoshaphat removed the idols and the images from Judah. In verse 9 the Bible tells us that Jehoshaphat sent the Levites and priests out to teach the people of Judah all about the 'book of the law', which Moses wrote. This brought a great reformation throughout the land of Judah. Judah had a period of peace and the countries around Judah brought many gifts. Jehoshaphat became a wealthy and powerful king. We will talk more about Jehoshaphat in a later study.

Go back to the book of Deuteronomy and familiarise yourself with this book. As well as in Exodus 20, the Ten Commandments are also recorded in Deuteronomy 5. Deuteronomy was written near the end of the forty years in the wilderness and Moses was reminding the people of the history of Israel, how God led them out of slavery from Egypt and provided for all of their needs during their wilderness experience. It also lists the blessings that God would give the Israelites if they were obedient to Him and the curses if they were not. This was Moses' last chance to counsel the people.



FIND A WORD

In today's reading how many times did the name 'Judah' appear?

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SABBATH

LET'S PRAY Dear Father, thank You for providing a day of rest for me.
Help me to enjoy and gain a blessing from the Sabbath today. Please
forgive me for my sins and help me to have a closer relationship with You.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - COLOSSIANS 4:2

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being
vigilant in it with thanksgiving”.

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

1 Kings 21:1-29



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The event at Mt Carmel did not bring a conversion to King Ahab's heart, but he continued in his evil ways. In our reading today there is another example of King Ahab's selfishness. Next to King Ahab's palace was a piece of land that he wanted. It belonged to Naboth, who used the land to grow grapes. It had been in his family for many generations. King Ahab approached Naboth and offered him money for the land, but Naboth refused King Ahab's offer. King Ahab, in his selfishness and self-centredness, went away and sulked, and refused to eat. King Ahab's wife Jezebel was angry that someone could refuse the king, and she came up with a plan. It involved lies, dishonesty and the murder of Naboth. When Ahab took possession of the land, God sent Elijah with a message that the kingdom would be taken away from Ahab because of this evil deed. When Ahab heard this he repented, so God relented about taking away the kingdom in his time but He would take away the kingdom from his sons. Not long after this king Ahab died.

Being greedy and wanting what is not yours only leads to trouble. This is what happened to King Ahab. Read *Proverbs 15:27*.



SABBATH QUIZ

1. What two types of food did Elijah promise the widow would not run out? _____
2. Where did Elijah ask king Ahab to summon the Israelites and the false prophets? _____
3. How many times did Elijah pray for the promised rain? _____
4. What was the mountain called that Elijah fled to? _____
5. What did King Jehoshaphat order the Levites and priests to do?
