

††† SERMON NOTES †††

I Kings 17:1 – Elijah, week 1

James 5:17 - I am just like Elijah – I can make a difference in spiritually dark times.

James 5:17,18 – (NIV) – “Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.”

God uses _____ people!!

CONTEXT: After Solomon’s death, Israel was divided into the Northern Kingdom (10 tribes), called Israel, and the Southern Kingdom (2 tribes), called Judah.

Between I Kings 12, when the nation was divided, and I Kings 17, is a span of _____ years. Elijah is connected with the Northern Kingdom. Their kings during those years: Jeroboam, who introduced idolatry; Nadab, who was assassinated by Baasha; Elah, an alcoholic, who was assassinated by Zimri; Omri, “who sinned more than all those before him” (I Kings 16:25); and his son Ahab, who “did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him” (I Kings 16:30), whose wife was Jezebel, who brought idol worship to a new level.

**Disregard of God’s marriage laws: Deut. 7:2-6 with I Kings 16:31

LESSON: CHOOSE YOUR _____ CAREFULLY! HE/SHE WILL BE YOUR GREATEST _____ OR BIGGEST _____ AS YOU LIVE FOR GOD AND SERVE HIM.

**The defiance of Hiel: I Kings 16:34 with Josh. 6:26

And into this morass of wickedness walks Elijah.

LESSON: WHEN TIMES ARE BAD, GOD LOOKS FOR _____ PEOPLE.

His name means “My God is Jehovah”, or “The Lord is my God.”

LESSON: WHERE I _____ IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS WHERE I AM _____!

LESSON: _____ FOR OUR NATION!
Deuteronomy 11:13-17

Don’t overlook the little phrase, “whom I serve” – KJV – “before whom I stand.”

The phrase “before whom I stand” is used only by Elijah and Elisha, and here we have the secret of their success. I Kings 17:1; 18:15; II Kings 3:14; 5:16 – “As the Lord lives, whom I serve...”

This is the key – “God lives, and I am His servant.”

LESSON: LIVE IN AND BE AWARE OF GOD’S PRESENCE.

