

THE BOOK OF FIRST KINGS---Ch.17.

Elijah---The Man of Faith.

1. THE MAN OF FAITH. 17:1.

- a. He had a "Living God". Vs.1. "As the Lord liveth". In contrast to Baal they worshipped.
- b. He had a wealth of recorded experience. "God of Israel" The record of God's past dealings, encourages us in the present. Bethel--where God met Jacob. Peniel--where Jacob became Israel. Egypt---where Israel was delivered. Red Sea--where Israel was rid of Pharaoh.
- c. He had a personal experience. "I stand" Experience of the past is not enough. We need an up to the minute testimony. Illus. The Blessed Testimony that was eaten by the mice. e  
He stood before the Lord--To get the message  
He stood before the Lord--To give it.  
He had the authority of God therefore.

2. THE MESSAGE OF FAITH. God's mouthpiece.

- X*  
*Drink*  
*Greece*  
*Need?*  
*Prayer*
- a. His proclamation was not mechanical.
  - b. Note how the message was given by God. The message suited the circumstances.
  - c. The method was one of prayer. Jas.5:17. He first made the Divine announcement. It was brought about by his prayer., as the days went by at Cherith, where he had time to pray. He prayed for the good of the nation. His petition would not be popular. It required courage. Spiritual perception

3. THE FOE OF FAITH. Ahab. 1K.16.

The faith of Elijah stands out more clearly with such a dark background.

*X It was brought about by prayer*  
*See how he prayed 13:36; 18:42-46*