

# Study Through the Bible

## The Elijah Chronicles – Study 2

PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE

### Only God Can Make It Rain

*We need to trust God during our own times of drought.*

1 Kings 18 is set in the nation of Israel during a time of terrible drought and famine. The people were in a beaten down and powerless state. They had seen so much hunger and death that it was hard for them to recognize a fresh alternative in the face of Ahab's power. There was little faith, and what there was of it was hiding in the caves. The worship of Yahweh was virtually extinct, until one man, Elijah, stood and challenged the people's lethargy. This text describes a true power encounter. God rests his credibility upon his ability to outperform the prophets of Baal.

**Scripture:**  
1 Kings 18

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PART 1

## Identify the Current Issue

Even though we may not have known a physical drought, we probably have lived through a spiritual or emotional drought at some time or other. In those times, the God of our fathers became a distant memory while we were caught up in the struggle to empower ourselves and live independently. That is a fool's game. Those who try that game find themselves beaten down and discouraged. Only God can make it rain.

PART 2

## Discover the Eternal Principles

Teaching point one: Our courage and trust in God comes and goes.

Teaching point two: Only God is sovereign over the world he has made.

Teaching point three: There's a drought in our land too.

[Q] Which of the following statements best describes spiritual drought? Explain your answer.

1. Most people try to be good, but they often fail.
2. Most people don't try to be good. They are after their own self-interests.
3. People are evil by nature.
4. Most people believe in God but don't know how to please him.

Teaching point four: God rains his love and blessing in our hearts.

PART 3

## Apply Your Findings

Elijah called on Yahweh God, who can produce fire or rain on demand by his Word. Elijah's challenge was blasphemy against Baal, who was supposed to be the god in charge of the sun and the rain. We discover instead that only God is sovereign over the world he has created. Only God has power to achieve the things we need in this world.

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