

BibleWise

Discussion Questions – Elijah

Read I Kings 17–II Kings 2

- What was happening in the land?
- Why were they having a drought?
- Where did God tell Elijah to go? (I Kings 17:3)
- Who was going to feed Elijah? (I Kings 17:4)
- How many times of day were the ravens going to feed him?
- When the brook, Cherith, dried up, where did Elijah go?
- Why did the woman go ahead and fix a cake for Elijah when she only had enough food for her son and herself?
- Would you have given your last bit of food to a stranger?
- What did this widow discover about her generosity?
- What happened to the widow's son? (he died)
- What did Elijah do to help the widow? (he raised her son from the dead)
- Why is Elijah's raising the dead child significant?
- What do you learn from these stories about God's love for us?
- How has God supplied your needs?
- Why is Obadiah afraid? (I Kings 18:7-16)
- Why is Elijah challenging the Baal prophets?
- What is the challenge? (I Kings 18:22-24)
- How many Baal prophets were there?
- What did they do?
- How successful were they in getting Baal to answer by fire?
- What did Elijah do after the Baal prophets failed to get an answer?
- Why do you think Elijah used so much water on his offering?
- After God answered by fire, what did the people do? (I Kings 18:39)
- Why did the people keep vacillating between God and idols?
- What possible comfort could they derive from a statue or piece of gold?
- Do people worship idols today? What kinds?
- After the fire contest, what did Elijah do to the prophets of Baal?

- How did Jezebel react to this news?
- What did she promise to do to Elijah?
- How did Elijah react? (I Kings 19:4)
- Why did Elijah want to give up? Hadn't God given him sufficient proof of His existence by answering with fire?
- What is the "still small voice?"
- Why wasn't God in the wind? Earthquake? Fire?
- Do you listen for the still small voice?
- Why would God whisper instead of shout?
- What did Elijah do to the river Jordan?
- Why is this significant?
- Can you remember any other times in Bible history when someone parted a body of water?
 - Red Sea
 - Jordan (when the Children of Israel go into Canaan)
 - Others?
- What does Elisha ask Elijah for? (A double portion of his spirit)
- What does that mean?
- Under what conditions will Elisha receive a double portion?
- What does this experience tell us about the importance of watchfulness?
- Did Elisha receive a double portion?
- How did Elisha "test" whether or not he had the ability to be a prophet like Elijah? (He used Elijah's cloak and parted the Jordan river.)
- Do you ever test God?