

PROPHET OF FIRE & RAIN—Everyday Faithfulness
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(1 Kings 18:1-2a) Later on, in **the third year of the drought**, the Lord said to Elijah, “Go and present yourself to **King Ahab**. Tell him that I will **soon** send rain!” So **Elijah went to appear before Ahab**.

→ **Sometimes, hard times are followed by more hard times.**

(1 Kings 18:2b-4 NLT) Meanwhile, the **famine** had become very severe in Samaria. So Ahab summoned **Obadiah**, who was in charge of the palace. (Obadiah was **a devoted follower of the Lord**. Once when Jezebel had tried to kill all the Lord’s prophets, Obadiah had hidden 100 of them in two caves. He put fifty prophets in each cave and supplied them with food and water.)

→ **God places his servants in strategic places.**

(1 Kings 18:5-7a NLT) Ahab said to Obadiah, “We must check every spring and valley in the land to see if we can find enough grass to save at least some of my horses and mules.” So they divided the land between them. Ahab went one way by himself, and **Obadiah went another way by himself**. As Obadiah was walking along, he **suddenly** saw Elijah coming toward him. Obadiah recognized him at once and bowed low to the ground before him.

→ **God is busy in the background even when you don’t know it.**

(Isaiah 46:4 NASB) To old age I will carry you. I **have made**, and I will **bear**; I will **carry** and will **save**.

(1 Kings 18:7b-8 NLT) “**Is it really you**, my **lord** Elijah?” he asked. “Yes, it is,” Elijah replied. “Now go and tell your master, ‘Elijah is here.’”

→ **God’s plans for your life will always prevail.**

(Proverbs 16:9 ESV) The heart of **man plans his way**, but **the LORD establishes his steps**.

(1 Kings 18:9-15) “Oh, sir,” Obadiah protested, “what harm have I done to you that you are sending me to my death at the hands of Ahab? For I swear by the Lord your God that **the king has searched every nation and kingdom on earth from end to end** to find you. And each time he was told, ‘Elijah isn’t here,’ King Ahab forced the king of that nation to swear to the truth of his claim. And now you say, ‘Go and tell your master, ‘Elijah is here.’” But as soon as I leave you, the Spirit of the Lord will carry you away to who knows where. When Ahab comes and cannot find you, he will kill me. Yet I have been a true servant of the Lord all my life. Has no one told you, my lord, about the time when Jezebel was trying to kill the Lord’s prophets? I hid 100 of them in two caves and

supplied them with food and water. And now you say, 'Go and tell your master, "Elijah is here."' Sir, if I do that, Ahab will certainly kill me." But Elijah said, "I **swear** by the Lord Almighty, in whose presence I stand, that **I will present myself to Ahab this very day.**"

→ God's greatest works are performed through faithful servants in everyday places.