

Lesson No. ( 26 )

## **Elijah**

( And the Prophets of Baal )

### **References**

1 King 18.

### **Notes for Servants**

- ★ Elijah's service was short but was fruitful and very effective, that because his life was a continues prayer in faith.
- ★ Notice Elijah's power combined with humility in witnessing for the truth.
- ★ We should not worry about any thing when we see how could God take care of Elijah with unusual means such as the Raven and the widow.

### **Objectives**

**General:** The Lord answer the prayers of the saints.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to

- A. Sense the power of the prayer.
- B. Feel how does God takes care of his people.
- C. Understand that prayers is the communication with our creator.

### **Bible Verse**

**"Hear me, O Lord, hear me."**

(1 King 18:37)

### **Teaching Aids**

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### **Introduction**

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

### **Story Time**

Three years passed with no rain, no crops, and many died from hunger. Where is Elijah? Ahab and Jezebel looked for him everywhere in vain. Finally Ahab decided to look for water by himself. He took with him one of his ministers named Obadiah who feared the Lord greatly. Ahab went one way and

Obadiah went the other way. But no water was found. On his way Obadiah saw Elijah and asked him where he is going. Elijah answered that God has ordered him to go to Ahab and he must obey.

When Ahab heard that Elijah was coming, he rejoiced because he intended to kill him but Elijah told him send and gather all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal. So Ahab sent to all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. Elijah came to all the people, and said, if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.

Then said Elijah to the people, I only, remain a prophet of the Lord; but Baal's prophet are four hundred and fifty men. Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under, and call you on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord: and the God that answer by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

Elijah let the prophets of Baal to choose one bullock, and dress it first; and call on the name of their gods. And they did, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

At noon, Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or may be sleeping, and need to wake him.

Elijah told to all the people to come near him and he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob. And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord, he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood three times and the water ran round about the altar. It came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that Thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at Thy word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was around the altar. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, 'The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God.' And Elijah said unto Ahab, 'Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.' So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and said to his servant, 'Go up now, look toward the sea.' And he went up, and looked, and said, 'There is nothing.' Elijah said, 'Go again seven times.' And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there arise a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, 'Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.' And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.

## **Discussion**

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

## **Learning Activities**

Activity Sheet.