

## **The Discouraged Prophet**

Do you ever get discouraged? Do you ever feel that everyone is against you? Do you ever think that you are all alone in this world? Does it ever seem like you are the only one who wants to do what is right? If you have ever felt like this, you are not alone.

Elijah, the great prophet of God, felt like this. God had given him a great victory over 450 prophets of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40). When he prayed for rain there was a great storm (18:41-46). Elijah had done great things for God.

However, there came a time when Elijah was discouraged. After he had done these great things, Jezebel, the wife of the king of Israel, had threatened his life. Elijah was afraid of Jezebel. He fled into the wilderness. Elijah was so discouraged that he prayed that God would let him die (1 Kings 19:4).

Although Elijah was discouraged, he was not alone. God says that He has “reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him” (19:18). Elijah could be encouraged by the fact that there were others who were going through the same difficulties. He could turn to them for support and strength.

From time to time, we will all get discouraged. We will feel like the weight of the world is on our shoulders. When we are discouraged, we need to remember the words of God to Elijah. We are not alone in this world. There are others that we can turn to for support. God is always here for us. As He said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5).