

Following is the outline from a message by Pastor Dave Tietjen at Evangel Baptist Church, Wheaton IL  
[www.evbapt.org](http://www.evbapt.org), with the resumption of his series on Elijah from 1 Kings.

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## Message Notes

### “Elijah Exits, But Endures”

#### 1 Kings 18:36-37 (ESV)

June 4, 2017

#### Admire This Prophet

##### ◆ A Story Well Told

##### ◆ Originally

“The story of Elijah and the nation of Israel is heroic narrative built around the exploits of the main character, Elijah. . . . The historian tells us what happened, but literary narrative in the Bible tells us more. It shows us what happens in life. The hero, then, becomes a model, an example for faith, for spiritual experience and life.” (Leland Ryken)

“His eminence is seen both in the religious reformation which he wrought and in the fact that the New Testament speaks of him more often than of any other Old Testament prophet. . . . One of Israel’s most startling and romantic characters, he suddenly appears on the scene as the crisis-prophet, with thunder on his brow and tempest in his voice. He disappears just as suddenly, swept skywards in a chariot of fire. . . . Here is the Martin Luther of old-time Israel, who singlehandedly challenged the whole priesthood of the state religion, and all the people of the realm, to the decisive test on Mount Carmel.” (J. Sidlow Baxter)

##### ◆ Historically

“. . . *haggadah* (*narration*) is sermonic material consisting of parables, stories, legends and maxims. This material is not always considered as historically true, but was viewed as helping the Jewish people to better appreciate the character of these great spiritual heroes. The haggadah contains abundant references to Elijah.” (William Varner)

##### ◆ Tales

“Comforting Messiah”

“Conquering Israel’s Enemies”

“Clarifying the Law”

##### ◆ Tradition (*havdala*)

“The prophet Elijah, the Tishbite from Gilead, may he come to us soon with the son of David the Messiah.”

##### ◆ Locally

##### ◆ Time of “Days of Elijah” Series – July 21, 2016-June 4, 2017

##### ◆ Titles

“Revive Us Again”

“A Still, Small Voice”

“I’ve Seen Fire . . .”

“I’ve Seen Rain . . .”

“On the Road Again”

“What a Way to Go”

“The Honor of a Hard Choice”

##### ◆ A Story Still Needed

**“If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?” . . . The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. . . . For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.**

(Psalm 11:3, 5, 7)

**“What does this mean to us in our day? The righteous need to know what to do and then do it, because they know and believe that God sits in the heavens observantly. Withdrawing, becoming bitter, angry, depressed, diseased in our attitudes, or seeking sinful ways of escape is not what the righteous should do.”**

(J. Hampton Keathley)

## **Adopt This Pattern**

### **◆ A Man (Servant) of God**

#### **◆ By His Shown Works (1 Kings 17:24; 2 Kings 1:12)**

#### **◆ By His Spoken Words (1 Kings 17:1; 18:15)**

*“I resolve always to be a servant of God, putting Him first in all I do, never bringing His reputation into disrepute and by God’s grace reflecting His righteousness.”*

(Gene Getz)

### **◆ A Man (Servant) of Prayer**

**Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.**

(James 5:17-18)

*“I resolve to be a servant of prayer; never attempting to achieve goals in my own strength alone, but always seeking His guidance, His enabling, His divine assistance and help. And when He does answer, I will always give God the glory due His name.”*

(Gene Getz)

**And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.**

(1 John 5:14-15)

### **◆ A Man (Servant) of the Word (1 Kings 17:2, 5, 8, 10; 19:15, 19)**

*“I resolve to be a servant of God’s Word, consistently learning more of what God says, interpreting it accurately, obeying the Lord’s spiritual directives and consistently applying His divine principles.”*

(Gene Getz)

***“These qualities characterized this man.  
That is why he stands tall in biblical history  
and still speaks today.”***

(Pastor Dave)