

“MIRACLES - WHERE IS THE LORD GOD OF ELIJAH?” [Pt. 2] (1Ki. 18-19)

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INTRO: This series is based on Elisha’s question in 2Kings 2:14, where Elisha was wondering if the miracle-working God of Elijah would continue working miracles after Elijah was gone. Let’s find out!

Last week we looked at the first four miracles God did through Eliah in 1Kings 17. This morning we’re going to look at three more miracles God did through Elijah and then journey with him in his Wilderness Experience.

MIRACLE #5: CALLING FIRE DOWN FROM HEAVEN (1Ki. 18:1-40).

- A. God told Elijah in the third year of the draught to go tell Ahab that He was about to send rain (vv. 1-2).
- B. Ahab had sent Obadiah out to try to find water or grass to keep the horses & mules alive (vv. 3-5).
- C. Obadiah encountered Elijah and Elijah told him to go tell Ahab that “Elijah is here.” (vv. 6-8).
- D. Obadiah was afraid to do that thinking the Spirit of the Lord might carry Elijah away (vv. 9-14).
- E. Elijah did go meet with Ahab and told him to gather the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah for a contest (vv. 15-20).
- F. They were to each put a bull on the altar and see which God would answer by fire (vv. 21-25).
 - 1) Baal didn’t answer, so Elijah taunted (vv. 26-29).
- G. Elijah had the altar drenched with water before calling on the name of the Lord and God sent fire down which consumed the sacrifice and the altar, after which Elijah ordered all the prophets of Baal to be executed (vv. 30-40).

MIRACLE #6: ELIJAH PRAYS FOR RAIN (1Ki. 18:41-45).

- A. Elijah began to pray for rain (vv. 41-42).
- B. After praying seven times a cloud the size of a man’s hand appeared and a heavy rain came (vv. 43-45).

MIRACLE #7: ELIJAH OUTFRONS A CHARIOT (1Ki. 18:46).

- A. The hand of the Lord came upon Elijah and he outran Ahab’s chariot to Jezreel, about a 17–20-mile run!

ELIJAH’S WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE (1Ki. 19)

Note: Even miracle-working prophets have wilderness experiences!

- A. Ahab’s wicked wife Jezebel sent a message to Elijah that she was going to have him killed (vv. 1-2).
- B. Elijah ran for his life into the wilderness and prayed that he would die (vv. 3-4).
- C. An angel told him to eat, and the meal sustained him for his 40 day, 300 mile journey (vv. 5-8).
- D. Elijah went into a cave, and God asked him what he was doing there (v. 9).
- E. Elijah thought he was the only one truly serving God and now his life was being threatened (v. 10).
- F. God told him to go and stand on the mountain before the Lord, and eventually Elijah heard a still small voice (vv. 11-12).
- G. Elijah was again asked what he was doing there and he gave the same answer as before (vv. 13-14).
- H. God gave him instructions on what he was to do next – anoint two men for their callings (vv. 15-16).
- I. God told him there was 7,000 who hadn’t yet bowed to Baal (v. 18; Rom. 11:3-4).
- J. Elijah found Elisha and anointed him, and Elisha became Elijah’s apprentice (vv. 19-21).

CONCLUSION: Do you need a miracle? Are you going through a wilderness experience? Pray & believe!