



ELIJAH

Introduction

In literature, there is often a “protagonist” and an “antagonist” ... the “good guy” vs. the “bad guy”! The lines between those two is no more clearly visible than in the various accounts presented to us about Elijah (though, at the time, there would be some debate about whether Elijah as the “good guy” or the “bad guy”). List at least three instances in Elijah’s life when the sides between Elijah and others was clearly drawn.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

I would suggest that such clear lines can be drawn in the life of Elijah because he is presented in Scripture as a **BOLD** character and /or prophet of the Lord. According to Luke’s account of the early church, boldness is a gift that the Holy Spirit gives when he calls us to faith, “And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly,” (Acts 4:31b, NIV)

Talk about times in which you have needed to have (or “might potentially need to have”) the boldness of Elijah:

Why is such boldness needed? Where can you find such strength of character /faith? How can we be bold without being arrogant?

Who Is He?

See if you can fill out the chart below – you may use your electronic device for assistance from the www!

Where in Scripture it tells of his life?	
Name and meaning of his name?	
When did he live?	
Where did he live?	
What is his major impact?	

A Man of Miracles

Elijah is involved in some of the most spectacular miracles recorded in the Scripture. Choose at least one of the following incidents and practice telling the story of the miraculous event to each other – using your own words (some of them you may know already, others you may have to read through first). Then, discuss between three to five points that you could draw from the incident in applying or appropriating the lesson for today.

- 1 Kings 17:2-6 –

- 1 Kings 17:7-16 –

- 1 Kings 17:17-24 –

- 1 Kings 18:16-46 –

- 2 Kings 1:1-18–

- 2 Kings 2:1-8 –

- 2 Kings 2:8-12 –

A Prophet to Whom You Can Relate

James says of Elijah in his book (translation KJ21) “Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are.” Do you agree? If so, what about Elijah makes him “like us”?

- 1) Elijah has (literally) mountain-top experiences – all because the Lord God allowed him to participate in events during which God revealed both his mercy and his might. What are times in your life when you’ve been able to be “on the mountain-top”? How was it evident that God allowed such a moment for you? What do such moments inspire in us?

- 2) Elijah experienced some of the lowest lows – we might even diagnose him as depressed at those times when he wanted his life to be over. How did God intervene at those times in Elijah’s life? What/who does God use for us when life has us low? How does it help to know there are stories of real servants of God in the Bible who experienced difficult times?

A Question

When you see Elijah in heaven, what is the first question you’re going to ask him?