

## **Discipleship Notes 3: July 2020**

### **“Elijah: The LORD is my God”**

#### **1 Kings 17: 1-24**

#### **Opening Thought**

What sort of things are people protesting about or standing up for at the moment?

The 19<sup>th</sup> century hymn ‘Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus’ has these words:

Stand up, Stand up for Jesus,  
Stand in his strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you,  
Ye dare not trust your own  
Put on the Gospel armour

Can you recall a time when you stood up for Jesus?

#### **Welcome:**

Today we are introduced to Elijah the Tishbite from Tishbe. With a few short words of introduction, we meet one of the great Old Testament prophets. Elijah enters the scene at the hugely difficult time for the people of Israel.

The nation is divided.

The Northern Kingdom – called Israel – has been led by its leaders into worshipping false gods. Under King Ahab things are going from bad to worse. How long would God allow false worship to continue? How much longer could this rotten state of affairs be allowed to continue? Elijah was sent to speak truth to those in power.

#### **Read: Exodus 20: 1-17**

- What have we just read? What was their purpose?
- Why are the first 3 commandments important?

- Is there anything 'missing' from the list that you would want to see included?

### **Read: 1 Kings 16: 29-34**

- Describe Ahab.
- What was wrong with Ahab's actions?
- Why did Ahab permit the rebuilding of Jericho? See Joshua 6:24-27
- What sort of things might people 'worship' in our society? Does false worship have consequences today? Should we say or do anything about this?

### **Reading: 1 Kings 17: 1-24**

- What is the significance of Elijah's words to Ahab?
- Where does Elijah go and why? How does God meet Elijah's needs during this time?
- Who does Elijah meet in Zarephath? What issues was this woman facing at the time?
- Describe what happened to her son. Why do you think this happened?
- How is the situation resolved?

### **Reading: Luke 7: 11-17**

- Summarise what happened in Nain.
- How did Jesus react to seeing the funeral entourage?
- How did the people react to this miracle? What does it tell us about Jesus?

**Prayer Pointers:**

- Pray for our plans to run an online Holiday Club on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August. Details to be announced.
- We remember those who are facing health issues.
- We ask that God will bless our church meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July
- We pray for our church leaders