

## Rebuild

**January 2/3, 2016**  
**1 Kings 17:1-18:39**

### FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) *17:1* Elijah threatened the most powerful, most wicked, most murderous ruler of his day.
- 2) *17:3* Why did God tell Elijah to get out of town, instead of to stay and fight?
  - For protection from Ahab's vengeance
  - For preparation (3-year training program)
- 3) God's objective is to prepare us for things greater than we understand.
- 4) *17:6* Our human nature desires for God to act now; but His desire is to teach endurance. He teaches us not to focus on circumstances, but to focus on the objective.
- 5) Those whom we honor today as heroes of the faith would each tell us that the journey to deep relationship with God comes as a result of a lengthy discipline process.
- 6) *18:18* Elijah was not afraid to call evil by its name and to confront it face to face.
- 7) *18:21* Ahab and Jezebel had led the Israelites into such confusion that they could not even reason for themselves which way to go.
- 8) *18:23-24* Baal was considered god of fire; certainly if he was to be given an easy test, this would be it.
- 9) *18:31* Elijah set up the twelve stones because it was a national issue. It was not really about famine or water or fire; it was about the heart of the nation.

10) *18:30* The rebuilding of the altar demonstrates the following principles:

- Do not mix the things of God with evil.
- Revive the public worship of God in order to restore the people.

11) *18:38* Baal's prophets kept up their wailing for most of the day. Elijah's prayer was answered in less than a minute.

12) When is the last time you asked, "Please, do whatever it takes to use this issue for Your purpose?"

13) Faith dispels fear, but only in proportion to its strength.

### HEBREW WORDS

Ākar (aw-kar')—properly to roil water; figurative to disturb or afflict :- trouble, stir

### TODAY'S SONGS

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