

The Commissioning of Obadiah
1 Kings 18:1-19

I. Introduction

II. Elijah is Told by the Lord to Go to Ahab vv.1-2a

- A. Going to Ahab would not be an easy task. v. 1

- B. God's promise that rain is coming. v. 1 (5:16, Luke 4:25)

- C. Elijah immediately obeys the Lord. v. 2a (Matt 16:25, Jn. 12:24)

III. The Contrast Between Obadiah and Ahab vv. 2b-6

- A. The affects of no rain for 3 years. v. 2b

- B. Obadiah, the faithful follower of Yahweh saves prophets. vv.3-4
(Acts 17:6, John 7:7, Rev. 2:13)

- C. Wicked Ahab is more concerned for livestock than human life. vv.
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IV. Elijah Commissions Obadiah with an Unpleasant Task vv. 7-16

- A. A striking encounter. vv. 7-8 (2 Kings 1:8)

- B. Obadiah responds to Elijah much like the widow. vv. 9-14

- C. Elijah's powerful declaration. v. 15 (1 Sam. 17:45)

V. Ahab is the Real Troubler of Israel? vv. 17-19

- A. Ahab speaks. v. 17

- B. Elijah sets the record straight. vv. 18-19

VI. Conclusion / Application