

Introduction

- I. God sends Elijah back to Israel after three years.
- II. What is the reason for this drought and famine? Whose fault is this terrible event?

**The Prophet Standing for Jehovah  
(5) Explaining Israel's Trouble**

I. **The Distorted Viewpoint**

- A. Instead of humbly confessing his sins, Ahab blames Elijah for the drought.
  1. Ahab is responding to the judgment of God with blameshifting.  
  
2. This is always the response of a fool in his folly to God's word and deeds of judgment.
- B. In Ahab, we see the horrors of a sinner blind to his sin.

II. **The Correct Answer**

- A. The word of God alone sheds the right light on what is happening in this world. Two things we must see, as Elijah does this:
  1. First, As the servant of the Lord, Elijah speaks truth regarding current events.  
  
2. Secondly, Elijah does this boldly and unashamedly to a man who wanted to kill all the prophets of God.

B. Elijah gives the answer for the trouble in Israel: you and your father's house.

C. This word is a message of grace, not for all in Israel, but for God's people.

III. **The Lessons Learned**

- A. First, we see that God is just in His judgments.
- B. Second, we see the wonder of God's effectual, sovereign grace by way of contrast between Ahab and Jezebel and much of Israel, and Elijah, Obadiah, and the widow.