

# Sunday Leftovers

Sermon Title: The God of Elijah

What is this message about?

What does your God look like? If someone asked you to describe the God you worship, what would you say? What words would you use to describe your personal perception of who God is. Someone once said that “What you think about God says a lot about you.” What does your description of God say about you.

Now, let’s look at the God of Elijah. Elijah was a prophet of God. He lived in a time where people were running after any idol that could possibly bring them hope and happiness. In Elijah’s time, that was definitely the case, and a big part of the problem. The reigning king of Israel, Ahab, had married a foreign woman, Jezebel who convinced Ahab and subsequently the Jewish people that she had a better god-option, Baal. The people thought, “well, if one God is good, two are even better!”

This is where Elijah comes in: Because of his unwavering loyalty to the one true God of Israel he is hated by Jezebel and Ahab, but that does not stop Elijah from fighting for what he believes. His recorded interactions with the people of Israel and the worshippers of Baal demonstrate to the people of that day and to us that the God we serve is one who cares. He is one who provides and protects. He did not create us to be His slaves but desires a relationship with us.

Is this the God you serve? If not, check out what the scriptures have to say about the God of Elijah and see if it changes your perspective.

- What do you think was the main point of Matt’s message?
- How would you describe the God you serve?
- Read 1 Kings 17:7-24 and 18:16-46: What do these passages tell you about the God of Elijah?
- What does this tell you about the God you serve?

Digging deeper: 1 Kings 17:7-24; 18:16-46

Do something about it: When reading the Old Testament, we sometimes tend to focus on the harsh or judgmental aspects of God, but this week, take time to read those stories again. Read them with the knowledge that God does not change (“He is the same yesterday, today and forever”). If He does not change, then this is the same God who chose to become one of us and sacrifice Himself so that we might be saved. His sacrificial act paid the price so that the sin that separated us from a loving God would no longer be a barrier to a personal relationship with the creator of the universe. See how reading it with that knowledge in mind expands your understanding of who “the God you serve” is.