

“Elijah Was A Man Just Like Us”

James 5:17-18

Intro:

The interesting thing about Israel that Elijah had to deal with was this: That Israel, in Elijah’s day, never renounced, or turned its back on Jehovah-God. They never said, “*Ah, we don’t want to ‘do God’ anymore, we want to ‘do Baal’ now.*” They never did that. They *did Jehovah*, they brought the sacrifices to God’s Temple at the appropriate times... they just *did Baal* too!

I. Elijah Was a Man Just Like Us:

1) *Elijah was like us in what he was up against –*

A. Ahab – _____ of Israel

B. Jezebel –

C. Baal –

2) *Elijah was just like us in what he was called to do in the face of what he was up against –*

- What he was called to do was – ***expose it, stand against it, and call God’s people from it.***

By worshiping Baal it was believed one could increase the capacity to **1) possess possessions 2) possess power and 3) possess control.**

Baal literally means = *Lord* _____.

The real trap of Baal is once you possess, through the worship of Baal, what it was you thought you had to possess – *it now* _____ *you.*

D. Ashtoreth –

The people repented, and out of their repentance (**verse 41**) Elijah said, “*I hear the sound of the heavy rain.*”

Application: