

Serving The King!

- 1 Kings 18:1-16
 - Elijah had spent time learning dependence on God
 - Today we meet Obadiah
 - A BOLD stand for Christ makes it easier to live a consistent Christian life
- I. The Condition of the land
 - II. The Commitment of his heart
 - III. The Consistency of his service

The Condition of The Land

- A. The Period of the drought
 - Vs.1 After many days...
 - It was some time since the boy had been revived
 - It was in the third year. Lk.4:25, James 5:17 - famine 3.5yrs
 - Can you imagine this valley if there was no rain for 3.5yrs
- B. The severity of the drought. vs.2-6
 - King Ahab and Obadiah were searching for springs 3,5-6
 - No mention is made of a drought in Judea at the same time
 - By year 3 the drought would affect confidence in Baal

The Condition of Obadiah's Heart

- Vs.3 He feared the Lord GREATLY.
 - James 2:17 – faith without works is dead
 - He showed faith by hiding and feeding the prophets
 - But, how well was it known that he was a follower of Jehovah?
- III. The consistency of his service 7-15
 - Was Obadiah a secret saint?
 - Notice his response to Elijah vs.7
 - He calls Elijah lord or master

The Consistency Of His Service

- Look at his response when he is asked to do something 8-14
- He is whimpering, repetitive, almost losing it
- If he believed him to be a man of God why wouldn't he believe him when he says he is going to be there
- Notice his response when Elijah promises he will stay put 15
- He stayed and Elijah met with Ahab 16
- We will in a day and time that calls for the wisdom of God to serve God in public service
- We are to salt and light – Matt.5:10-16
- Keep your eyes on the prize at the end of the race.