

The Prophet Elijah

Elijah's memory was kept alive, especially on Mount Carmel, where he challenged the people to stop hobbling first on one foot and then on the other, but to choose who is God in Israel – Yahweh or Baal.

According to the story, which can be found in the *First Book of Kings*, Chapter 18, Elijah's sacrifice was consumed by fire from heaven, which proved to the people that Yahweh was the true God.

Elijah made himself available for God's work and was sent into various situations to proclaim God's Word. Elijah undertook a long journey through the desert, where he began to despair. He sat down under a bush and wished he were dead, but God would not allow him to die and prodded him to continue his journey to Mount Horeb. When he arrived there, God became present to Elijah. God came, not with the signs usual in the Old Testament of fire, earthquake, and mighty wind, but in the sound of a gentle breeze. Elijah was sent back to his people to carry out God's Will.

From Elijah, we learn to listen for the Voice of God in the unexpected and in silence. We seek to allow the Word of God to shape our minds and our hearts so that the way we live and the things we do may be prophetic and, therefore, faithful to the memory of our Father Elijah.

*O awesome Prophet, by the grace of God and
a pure life you have united with Him. You
received authority and rightly judged the people.
By your will you closed the raingates; you brought down
fire from on high and destroyed the enemies. Pray that
our souls may be saved.*

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