



King Ahab

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1 Kings 18:1-16

#7 in the series *Elijah—A Man Like Us*

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Meet Obadiah.

1. Obadiah—Who? (18:1-16)
2. His faith. (18:3-4, 12-13)
3. His position. (18:3, 5-6)

Obadiah meets Elijah.

1. The circumstances. (18:1-6)
2. The meeting. (18:7-16)
3. The outcome. (18:16-46)

The lessons to be learned.

1. Serve God where He places you. (18:3-6)
2. Serve your employer faithfully, but never compromise your faith and loyalty to God. (18:3-16)
3. Count the cost and take risks as you live for and serve God. (18:3-4, 13, 14-16)
4. Work through your fears. (18:7-16)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. The Obadiah Elijah met in 1 Kings chapter 18 shares that name with twelve other men in the Old Testament. All we know about him is in this chapter. Review the statements about his faith and position with King Ahab. He was a man of deep faith who served an ungodly boss, the king. Throughout this week evaluate how you relate to people in all settings who are not godly.

Tuesday. Elijah and Obadiah's encounter is interesting and insightful. Read 1 Kings 18:7-16. The two met when Elijah was on his way to the King and Obadiah was out on an assignment for the king. God brought them together. How do you think God used this meeting for each man? Do you consider the possibility that God designs your *bumping into people* as part of His plan for you and them? What evidence of that can you see so far this week?

Wednesday. There are many lessons to be learned from Obadiah. He lived for and served God where He placed him. It was a difficult place to be—the king and the majority of Israel had turned away from God (see 19:18), and Queen Jezebel was killing God's prophets (see 18:4, 13). Obadiah apparently did a good job for the king, but did not compromise his faith, his loyalty to God. God calls each of us to the like that in all our relationships—be a good worker, neighbor, friend, but never waiver in our loyalty to God. Are there any situations or relationships where you struggle with his, or have compromised where you should not have compromised?

Thursday. Obadiah also teaches us to count the costs and take risks as we serve God. He saved many prophets of God by hiding and feeding them. Thought, planning, resources and courage were involved in taking that huge risk. Some people rush into things without counting the cost while others count the cost but then are not willing to risk when they should. Do you see any of this in yourself?

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to continue the series on Elijah looking at *God's Justice*. Read and think through 1 Kings 21:1-29 as you prepare for our time together.