

**The Challenge Of King Ahab By Elijah
(1 Kings 18:17-19)**

I. The Drought Comes To An End (18:1-16)

II. The Challenge To King Ahab (and Us) by Elijah (18:17-19)

1. Ahab stands as a _____ for _____ who hold positions of leadership and influence, as each of us holds some position of _____ on or toward others.
2. In some instances confrontation is _____, as illustrated in Scripture, and often _____ to spiritual _____, godliness and biblical _____ (Proverbs 27:5-6)
3. The bible is not only confrontational, but also _____.... “Comfort one another with these words”
4. When Ahab met Elijah, Ahab took the offense and _____ Elijah of being the “ _____”! (18:17)
5. The mouth speaks out that which is treasured in our _____... used by the Lord ... suggests the following:
 - a. The Lord compares the thoughts we harbor in our hearts to _____.
 - b. It is obvious some treasures of the heart or mind are _____.
 - c. Such thoughts are equivalent to “ _____” which rises up like a fortress _____ the knowledge of God and what He wants. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)
 - d. These evil treasures represent our _____ by which we seek to handle life _____ of _____ in God and His principles for living.
 - e. “Vain thinking” is faith in _____ and thus _____ in God and His solutions.

f. On the other hand, the treasure of the heart can be _____. (Philippians 4:8)

g. Application:

6. How did Elijah respond to his confrontation?

a. Elijah _____ the charge against him by saying... "I have not _____ Israel ..."

- How could he stand before the mighty king of Israel & deny this accusation? (18:18)

b. Elijah then _____ Ahab with the _____ he needed to hear... "*but _____ and your father's house have*"

- Two things stood out as the root of Israel's problems:

1) Ahab had _____ the commandments of the Lord!

2) And he had _____ the _____!

7. Idolatry represents the _____ of man's empty _____ when he attempts to live apart from God. He must _____ with something!

- Where else does the bible teach this?

- How does all this apply to you?