

**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?