Text: I Kings 17-19; 21:17-29; II Kings 1-2:11 Topics: Obedience, Temptation, Wealth, Wisdom On Mission with God: An Old Testament Sweep Monroe Bible Church August 13, 2017 Elder Mike Westcomb

Elijah: The Unexpected Happens

I. HIS SUDDEN APPEARANCE (I Kings 17:1)

The Lord has <u>appointed</u> times and <u>specific</u> ministries for all His servants to perform.

II. HIS SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS (I Kings 17-21:29)

Because we <u>stand</u> before the Lord, our mission is to <u>deliver His</u> <u>message</u> to those to whom we are sent.

III. HIS SPECTACULAR ASCENSION (II Kings 1-2:11)

Our desire should be to *finish strong* and to leave a *faithful legacy* for those who follow

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

- 1. For what present time/ministry has God appointed for you? How are you fulfilling this appointment?
- 2. Looking through these passages about Elijah, what is the significance of the statements, "before whom I stand" and "the word of the Lord came unto him".
- 3. Thinking about the condition of Israel during his ministry, what may have been some of the fears Elijah may have faced? How would you like to face an Ahab?

4. Compare the ministries of Elijah, John the Baptist and Jesus Christ. What are some of the similarities, differences?

5. If you like Elijah were hiding in the cave, how would you have expected the Lord to reveal Himself?

6. Where do you go when you face opposition, threats, enemies, etc.? How should we respond when faced with these things?

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