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Topic: The Prophet of Fire: Who Is the Troublemaker?

Scripture text: 1 Kings 18:7-20

1. Elijah was seen as the one who caused the drought and famine. Therefore, he was viewed as the troublemaker. But all he did was obeying God and acting in righteousness. He was a light in darkness and was different from the rest of Israel and so stood out prominently. Being faithful and uncompromising can be seen as being a troublemaker.

2. Obadiah now had to make a decision whether to stand with the truth and with Elijah or against the truth. At that time, everyone was looking for Elijah and now that Obadiah had seen Elijah, he must report back to king Ahab and if Ahab cannot find Elijah, Obadiah would lose his life. We must be prepared to always do what is right in the sight of God.

3. The real cause of trouble (the drought and famine) was not Elijah but the people's disobedience to the Word of God. It was their forsaking of God's truth and following after idols that caused the trouble. The one who sins is the troublemaker, not the one who points out sin. We must stand firm in the truth despite opposition and accusation. If we follow God and His Word, we will not be a troublemaker.