## **Next Steps:**

The phrase, "The word of the LORD came to..." is repeated some 98 times in the New International Version of the Bible. Most of the times it is used with God instructing various prophets, including six times in reference to Elijah (1 Kings 17:2,8; 18:1; 19:9; 21:17,28).

Read 1 Kings 17:1-6. What instructions does God give to Elijah?

What does God say He is going to do for Elijah?

How does Elijah respond to God's instructions?

Read Matthew 6:25-33. What do you learn by comparing what Jesus says to His disciples in this section from the Sermon on the Mount with what the LORD told to Elijah in 1 Kings 17:1-6?

Even though we are not Old Testament Prophets, God still speaks to us today. He still gives us direction and He still meets our needs as we seek to live in obedience to His will.

Read the following passages. What do they tell you about how God still communicates to us?

Hebrews 1:1-4

2 Timothy 3:14-17

John 14:15-27; John 16:13-15; Acts 2:1-18

Ephesians 4:11-16, 29-32; Hebrews 10:24-25

Psalm 19:1-14; Romans 1:20

**Next Week:** As we continue to examine the life of the Prophet Elijah, we see God leading him in unexpected ways... not just for his own benefit but also for the benefit of others. 1 Kings 17:7-24