I. The Story of Elijah presents the connection between fatigue and sound judgment.

 A. The story of Elijah offers perspective on the saying, “Tough times don’t last, but tough people do.”

II. Obadiah and Elijah represent the reality of salt and light in dry and dark times. (18)

 A. Mt. Carmel represents kingdoms in conflict.

 B. Stacked odds mean nothing to God. Why do they to us?

 1. Wavering between two opinions, the people are challenged to a decision.

 C. God’s sense of humor is never better seen than in the dialog between Elijah and the prophets of Baal.

 D. The fire from heaven falls and the people reach a different conclusion.

 1. Compare this moment with prophesy in the NT, “Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess ….”

 E. The Holy Spirit’s power falls fresh upon a man already filled. Note Acts 2ff.

III. Mountaintop experiences can be followed by valleys of despair or defeat. (19)

 A. Elijah flees for his life at the threat of it by the Queen.

 B. “Take my life. I’ve had enough,” are the words revealing Elijah’s fatigue.

 C. God’s solution was a helper. That, too, is as old as Adam.

V. Elijah, John the Baptist and Jesus connect the OT and the NT

 A. The Old Testament ends with the prophesy of Elijah: Malachi 3 and 4

 B. The New Testament begins with the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophesy.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Please note that we will be getting together Thursday, **Christmas Eve**, here at Walsingham from **5:00 PM** **to 6:00 PM**. This promises to be a special time of carol singing and Communion. Please come and bring family and friends.

Also, please remember we will not be having our regular Sunday Fellowship studies on **December 27** and **January 3**. We will resume our study on **January 10**.