

On The Road With Elijah

On The Road To Mt. Carmel 1 Kings 18

No one follows God part-time

The Confrontation

1 Now it happened after many days that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the face of the earth."

16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. 17 When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?"

18 "I have not made trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the Lord's commands and have followed the Baals. 19 Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

The issue is syncretism. They worshipped both God and Baal, which means they didn't worship God.

20 So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. 21 Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him."

By refusing to choose between God and Baal, Ahab and the people chose Baal.

God demands all of you, or He has none of you. No one follows God part-time.

The Battle

36 At the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, today let it be known that You are God in Israel and that I am Your servant and I have done all these things at Your word. 37 Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that You, O Lord, are God, and that You have turned their heart back again."

38 Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God."

You're either committed to God or you're not committed to God. No one follows God part-time.

The Conclusion

God only accepts our worship and commitment on His terms.

The only commitment is total commitment.

How long will you keep wavering?

Family Questions:

Question: Share about how you came to know Jesus.

- Parents: take advantage of this time to share with your kids the story of how you became a Christian! Your testimony will help your kids in their faith. It may even be what leads them to the Lord.

Question: How much of us does God want?

- God wants all of us. If we follow God, that means that we follow him with all of our heart and all of our strength.

Question: Have you decided to follow Jesus?

- Parents: Take this time to understand where your child is in their faith. They may have questions. Help them grow in their faith. If they have already placed their faith in Jesus encourage them to continue to follow him with all that they are.