

ELIJAH



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1 Kings 18:20-39 ESV

- Elijah gathered Israel & the prophets of Baal, calling the people to choose between serving the Lord or Baal.
- The prophets of Baal prayed, danced & cut themselves from morning to evening, but no voice or answer came.
- Elijah rebuilt the Lord's altar, drenched the sacrifice with water, prayed & the fire of the Lord consumed the offering, wood, stones, dust & water.
- Witnessing the miracle, the people fell on their faces proclaimed, "The LORD, He is God!"

The Point

A mustard seed size faith in the infinitely powerful promise keeping God is infinitely more powerful than putting all of your faith in temporary promise breaking idols.

LIMPING BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS

1 KINGS 18:16-46



Limping Between Two Opinions

- Elijah challenged Israel to choose between following God or idols - there was no middle ground.
- Serving God is not about adding Him to a list of other priorities; He must be first in everything.

*24 “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”
(Matthew 6:24 ESV)*

Limping Between Two Opinions

- Many in Elijah's day & today try to keep one foot in God's camp & one in the world, but divided loyalty always fail.

*8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
(James 1:8 ESV)*

Limping Between Two Opinions

- Idols - whether money, pleasure, relationships, or reputation - always overpromise & underdeliver.

13 for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water (Jeremiah 2:13 ESV)

Limping Between Two Opinions

- God desires full devotion, not half-hearted worship; He calls us to serve Him with all our heart, soul & mind.

37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Matthew 22:37 ESV)

STOP
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FALSE GODS



Stop Worshipping False Gods

- The prophets of Baal cried out for hours, but their god never answered - because idols have no real power.
- Worshiping idols shapes us into their emptiness - what we adore, we become like.

(Romans 1:21–23)

21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Stop Worshipping False Gods

22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. (Romans 1:21–23 ESV)

- False gods always demand more effort, more sacrifice, yet never satisfy.

(Micah 6:6–7)

Stop Worshipping False Gods

6 “With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” (Micah 6:6–7 ESV)

Stop Worshipping False Gods

- Many people think intensity of belief is enough, but sincerity is worthless if placed in the wrong object.

6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

(John 14:6 ESV)

- Only the living God hears, answers & brings true peace & purpose.

17 When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. (Psalm 34:17 ESV)



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- Elijah rebuilt the altar & poured precious water on the sacrifice, making the task humanly impossible - so God's glory would be undeniable.

9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

(2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV)

Trusting God Completely

- Elijah prayed for God to act so that the people would know the Lord & turn back to Him.

*3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
(John 17:3 ESV)*

Trusting God Completely

- God's fire consumed not just the sacrifice, but the wood, stones, dust & water - showing His power goes beyond expectations.

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, (Ephesians 3:20 ESV)

Trusting God Completely

- When the people saw God's work, they fell on their faces and confessed, "The LORD, He is God!" - faith responded in worship.

10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:10–11 ESV)

Practical Application

- Choose today to fully follow God - don't divide your loyalty.
- Identify & remove idols from your life - anything that takes God's rightful place.
- Trust God in situations that seem impossible.
- Pray with a desire for God's glory, not just your comfort.
- Be willing to sacrifice what is precious for the sake of obedience to God.

Practical Application

- Look to God's past faithfulness to strengthen your present faith.
- Give God credit publicly when He answers prayer.
- Recognize that God's power is not limited by our circumstances.
- Worship God with your whole heart, giving Him the glory He deserves.

Discussion Questions

- What are some modern idols that compete for our devotion to God?
- How can trusting God in impossible situations strengthen your faith?
- What can we learn from Elijah's prayer about how to approach God?
- How can we publicly declare, like Israel did, that "The LORD, He is God" in our daily lives?

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