

“Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” {1 Kings 18:37}

Lesson 4 (July 2, 2024)

“The Godly Decision”

Read 1 Kings 18:1-20.

- 1. Review 1 Kings 17:1-3. What is the situation in Israel? What does God send Elijah to do, and how is Elijah received by Ahab?**

Read 1 Kings 18:21-29.

- 2. a. What challenge did Elijah give to the people? How did they respond? Why do you think they responded the way they did? Also see Joshua 24:14-15; 2 Kings 17:38-41; Matthew 6:24.**

b. Where are you tempted to remain quiet and go with the prevailing opinion of the world? Where are you trying to avoid having to choose between the world's ways and God's ways?
- 3. What was Elijah's plan to prove to the people who the true God is? What happened when the prophets of Baal called on their god, and what did they do to get their god to respond to them?**
- 4. What reasons did Elijah give for why the false god Baal was not responding to the prayers of the false prophets? Also see Matthew 6:7-8.**
- 5. What false gods do people worship today, and what do they do to get their false gods to respond to them?**

Read 1 Kings 18:30-40.

- 6. What did Elijah do before praying to God? Why do you think He did this?**

7. a. In his prayer, what did Elijah say about God? What did he ask God to do, and why did he want God to act?
 - b. As Elijah prayed, what was his attitude before God? How was Elijah's prayer different from what the prophets of Baal had just done for the whole day?
8. a. How and when did God respond, and how did the people respond to what God did? See Deuteronomy 18:20.
 - b. How do you respond when you see God moving in your life?

Read 1 Kings 18:41-46.

9. a. In verses 41-42, what did Elijah tell Ahab to do, and what did Elijah confidently say God was about to do?
 - b. What did Elijah do after God's victory over the prophets of Baal? What was Elijah's attitude as he prayed? What do you think Elijah was praying about? See James 5:16-18.
10. When did Elijah stop praying and why? How did God respond to Elijah's prayer?
11. Why do you think God didn't respond to Elijah's prayer for rain immediately, like God did when He responded to Elijah's prayer at the altar?
12. When have you had to wait for God to answer a heartfelt prayer? What did you learn while you waited for God to answer your prayer? See Luke 18:1-8.