

“THE FIRE OF GOD AND THE SILENCE OF BAAL”

1 Kings 18:17-40

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. Who is Elijah? (James 5:17-18)
- B. Who is Baal?
- C. What events led up to this moment? (1 Kings 17:1)

II. ELIJAH CALLS ON GOD TO DEFEAT BAAL:

A. The Confrontation (vv. 17-19)

- 1. Who is the real trouble maker? (Isaiah 5:20)
- 2. Elijah reverses the blame and challenges Baal

B. The Challenge (vv. 20-24)

- 1. How long will you waiver? (Matthew 6:24)
- 2. The test... whose God will prove true?

C. The Failure of Baal (vv. 25-29)

- 1. What do you have to do to get attention from a false God? (Psalm 115:4-7)
- 2. Elijah's iconic response

D. The Power of God (vv. 30-40)

- 1. Fire from heaven consumes the offering-proving God's power!
- 2. “The Lord-He is God! Yes, the Lord is God”

E. What happens next for Elijah?

- 1. Elijah calls for rain.
- 2. Jezebel comes for his head.
- 3. The burnout of a hard working prophet.

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming “people of the Word” in principle AND in practice)

- A. Are you willing to make an Elijah sized choice?
- B. Are you part of the 1 or 100?
- C. What is your Baal?