

Worthless Things

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Psalm 119:37 (NASB95) Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity and revive me in Your ways.

Psalm 119:37 (NLT) Turn my eyes from worthless things and give me life through your word.

Psalm 119:37 (AMP) Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity (idols and idolatry); and restore me to vigorous life *and* health in Your ways.

In the book of 1st Kings in the Bible, we find a contest between the idols of the culture and the One, True, Living God.

Idols are lifeless objects; powerless gods; trusting in something or even someone that is worthless when it comes to helping you.

1 Kings 18:17–18 ¹⁷ When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, “Is this you, you troubler of Israel?” ¹⁸ He said, “I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house *have*, because you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and you have followed the Baals.

- It’s hard to see or admit that we are or can be our own worst enemy.
- because you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord – not following God’s way

1 Kings 18:21 Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long *will* you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people did not answer him a word.

- two opinions?

James 1:8 A double-minded man (is) unstable in all his ways.

Worthless things; the idols; the things of the world which can only provide us with a false security but are unable to save us is exemplified in the contest at Mt. Carmel.

1 Kings 18:26 (NASB95) ²⁶ Then they took the ox which was given them and they prepared it and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon saying, “O Baal, answer us.” But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they leaped about the altar which they made.

The Foolishness of...

1 Kings 18:27 It came about at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, “Call out with a loud voice, for he is a god; either he is occupied or gone aside, or is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and needs to be awakened.”

Restoring the altar of God.

1 Kings 18:30 Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord which had been torn down.

Read: 1 Kings 18:29–39

1 Kings 18:39 When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God."

The question today: "How long will you hesitate between two opinions?"

The God who sent fire down onto Mt. Carmel, is the same God who sent His Son down and led Him to Mt. Calvary!

God has revealed Himself to us in the life of Jesus Christ.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Close

Who needs Saving? Who needs Rescued? Who is looking for Life?

Romans 10:11–13 ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³ for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Today we want to restore the altar of the Lord which has been torn down.

Today we want ask God to "Turn away our eyes from looking at worthless things and to give us life through His word.