

WOMEN IN THE WORD
of
FELLOWSHIP Bible Church
“Intimacy With God” by Cynthia Heald
Part 2 The Creator a Worthy Confidant
Chapter 6 God is Responsive
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Responsive: responding especially readily and sympathetically to appeals, efforts, influences, etc.

Elijah and the prophets of Baal 1Kings 18

Background: 1 Kings 16:30 Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him.

1Kings 17:1 And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.”

1 Kings 18:17-21 Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, “*Is that you, O troubler of Israel?*”

18And he answered, “I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house *have*, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and have followed the Baals. **19**Now therefore, send *and* gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of [c]Asherah, who [d]eat at Jezebel’s table.”

20So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. **21**And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people answered him not a word.

Vs 22-29 Do I ever accuse God of things that Elijah accused this false god of?

Vs 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and *that* You have turned their hearts back to You again."

Vs 38-39 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. **39**Now when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!"

Chapter 19 The still small voice

What about the times He does not seem to respond?

Psalm 88 Darkness

Psalm 22:1 (Mt. 27:46, Mark 15:34) My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
*Why are You so far from helping Me,
And from the words of My groaning?*

Ps. 22-2-21 Deliver me!

Ps 22:21b **You have answered Me**

Psalm 18:1 Pray and not lose heart

God is good and Satan is a liar.

Next lesson: Part 3 The essentials of Intimacy Lesson 7 Reverence for God

In The Garden

Charles A. Miles 1913

1. I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.
 - *Refrain:*
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.
3. I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.