

# FIREFALL

## 1 Kings 18

*It is never too late for God to work. No situation is ever so hopeless that it is useless to pray. Duewel*

### 1. GET OFF THE FENCE. 1 Kings 18:21

**1 Kings 18:21** *Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing.*

With wicked, idolatrous Ahab and Jezebel in control, the notion of Israel returning to God appeared hopeless. Elijah realized the time to get serious was NOW. Instead of going along, he needed to get going. Nothing changes until someone steps up and steps out for God.

**[ ] I am fully committed to God, His Word, His ways, and His will in my life.**

### 2. PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD. 1 Kings 18:22-23

**1 Kings 18:22–24** *Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the LORD's prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. <sup>23</sup> Get two bulls for us. Let Baal's prophets choose one for themselves and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it.*

**Hosea 10:12** *Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.*

- Soften your heart to hear and respond to the voice of God.
- Clear sin out of your heart.
- Ask the Lord to pour Himself out on you and in you.

**[ ] I want everything out of my life that is hindering me from experiencing all God wants to do in me, for me and through me.**

### 3. BEGIN TO CRY OUT FOR "THE FIRE OF THE LORD" TO FALL. 1 Kings 18:24

**1 Kings 18:24** *Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God."*

***God is a Consuming Fire: Fire = God's revealed and active presence***

- a) God revealed Himself to Moses as a flaming bush. Exodus 3:2
- b) God led Israel through the wilderness as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Ex. 13:21-22; 40:38
- c) The Lord revealed Himself as a smoking fire when He gave Moses the Ten Commandments. Exodus 19:18; 24:17
- d) God officially took residence in the Temple in a glory cloud of fire. 2 Chronicles 7:1-3
- e) Ezekiel saw a vision of the throne of God in which the Lord was enclosed in a brilliant light and fire. Ezekiel 1:27-28
- f) John declared that unlike himself, Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Matthew 3:11
- g) When the Holy Spirit was first poured out on the church, He appeared as mighty wind and as flames of fire over the heads of the apostles. Acts 2:1-4
- h) We are told to serve God acceptably with reverence and awe for our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:28-29

**[ ] Lord, I want "the fire of the Lord" to consume my life.**

**[ ] Lord, I need "the fire of God" to "fall" on a specific situation in my life.**

#### 4. ABANDON FAITH IN FALSE GODS. 1 Kings 18:26-29

**1 Kings 18:26** So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

**1 Kings 18:27-29** At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened." <sup>28</sup> So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. <sup>29</sup> Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

[ ] *I realize that there is only one legitimate God for my life – The God of the Bible.*

#### 5. PUT YOUR ALL ON THE ALTAR. 1 Kings 18:33

**1 Kings 18:33-35** He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood.

**It is not my job to come up with the fire, it is my job to come up with the sacrifice and the sacrifice God seeks is me. If we provide the sacrifice, God provides the fire. We are the sacrifice**

**Romans 12:1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

[ ] *I put everything about me, my past, my future on the altar in total commitment to God.*

#### 6. DO NOT FEAR THE IMPOSSIBLE, BELIEVE. 1 Kings 18:33–37

**1 Kings 18:33-35** Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood." <sup>34</sup> "Do it again," he said, and they did it again. "Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. <sup>35</sup> The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

[ ] *I believe that God can do what appears to be impossible. He has done it before, and I ask Him to do it again.*

#### 7. PRAY WITH FAITH. 1 Kings 18:36-38

**1 Kings 18:36–37** At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. <sup>37</sup> Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." <sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

**The fire did not fall until after Elijah prayed.**

[ ] *Lord, I am asking for "the fire to fall" to consume my life.*

[ ] *Lord, I am asking for "the fire to fall" on this situation:*

#### 8. GIVE GOD THE GLORY. 1 Kings 18:39

**1 Kings 18:39** When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!"

[ ] *Lord, I will give you all the glory when the fire falls. May many others do so as well.*