

THE CALL

1 Kings 17:1; James 5:17-18

SERMON SUMMARY:

The prophet Elijah was a central figure to the Israelites, and for good reason. He stood against the evil and lies of Baal worshippers and helped begin to turn the Israelites back to the one true God. In our message this week, we will take a look at the context surrounding the state of Israel and why we still fall for idol worship today.

SERMON OUTLINE:

Our hearts are idol factories.

The Problem

Israel was in a state of chaos.

There was a cosmic war between YHWH and Baal.

The Prophet

God calls ordinary people to do extraordinary things for His Kingdom.

Application

Challenge this false belief: "Fulfillment of my core needs can be found in a source other than God."

Prayer is powerful because of who we are praying to.

THINK ABOUT IT/TALK ABOUT IT:

- What does it mean to describe our hearts as "idol factories"? How do we see this concept manifested in our lives and society today?
- How can recognizing the presence of idols in our hearts lead to repentance and a deeper relationship with God?
- Discuss the state of chaos in Israel during Elijah's time. How did idol worship contribute to this chaos, and what were the consequences for the people?
- Why do you think the people of Israel fell into Baal worship?
- Share instances where you have witnessed God using ordinary individuals to accomplish His purposes in remarkable ways.
- How does this belief in the first application lead to idolatry, and how can we combat it with biblical truth?
- What can we learn from Elijah about the power of prayer? Apply that to your own life circumstances.