

- **36And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, “Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. 37Hear 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.” 38Then 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. 39Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, “The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!” 1 Kings 18:36-39**
- **1When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and**

began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:1-4

Holy Ghost and Elijah

- Fire- symbol of deity or divinity
- **Hebrews 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.**
- **Isaiah- Spirit of Burning**
- **Matthew 3:11- John the Baptist- 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**
- Symbol of God's presence
 - When the fire falls you can be assured that God is in the midst
- **FIRE- HOLY SPIRIT!!!**
 - **Fire changes things**
 - Fire destroys some things and refines others.
 - When the Fire falls- Joy, Boldness, CONVICTION
 - **Fire causes a reaction**

A Question - Elijah's question is this: "How long are you going to waiver or vacillate between two ways of life?"

- These people were guilty of trying to hold hands with God and Baal.
- **What is an Idol?**
 - *It is anything more important to you than God.*
 - *Anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God.*
 - *Anything you seek to give you what only God can give.*
- **We become like that which we worship.**
- Here's the problem: Those who idolize must also demonize.
 - Those who find their identity and worth in an idol, must also demonize the very things that contradict or compete with that idol.
- **Truth- We choose Idols when God doesn't do what we want.**
- **God- How long are you going to jump between My Word and what you feel?**
 - **God is not optional**

Me and Kim on Memorial Day.

- If you Waver through life you'll never know what God could have accomplished through your life.
- **I know He can save my soul, but can He save my business? My Children, Opportunity**

IT IS TIME TO QUIT WAVERING.

- CityGate- I believe God is calling us to the mountain to show us HE is God. And if we won't waver we'll witness His power to change a city!
- Four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal coming against him on every side, and God said, **Build me an altar.**

Tell them we'll meet at the altar!

- **Real preachers don't preach so you'll come back to church. Real preachers preach so you'll come back to the Altar.**

The Altar of Elijah

- Water- He did it that way Because the prophets of baal had been known to start secret fires...
 - **There's a lot of false fire in the world today**
- **We need a demonstration of real Pentecostal fire**

- people used to come to see what would happen.
Sunday night church was the most exciting place to go!
- The fire came from above- **UNCOMMON FIRE**
 - That's the kind of fire that I want, a fire the world cannot explain, cannot account for...
- Pentecostal Fire must occur reoccur in this generation
- “The order IT burned everything up”
 - Burned from the top down- SACRIFICE!
 - What have you laid on the altar to catch fire?
 - **The real fire will change you before it changes anything else!**
 - Dig ditches and pour water in the ditch, and stand back 'cause I'm going to give you a **public sign**.
 - Have you ever had God give you a public sign, a sign that shut up the mouth of your critics, a sign that proved to everybody that the Lord was on your side?
 - Have you ever seen God stand up for you when the devil thought he had you surrounded, and everybody was prophesying, "He'll never come out of this alive"? And yet, God proved himself, and he gave you a sign.

- When you get a sign like that, it'll make you dance whether you got rhythm or not. When you get a sign like that, you'll have church in your living room. You'll get happy washing your dishes, saying, "Lord, I thank you you didn't let me be ashamed. Everybody was looking at me, but you brought me out".
- Now, God says, "I give my believers a sign that I'm with them". An open, public sign. It can't be a secret sign. There's got to be a light on it so everybody can see it.
- **THESE SIGNS...**
 - And the Bible says that fire fell from heaven. Somebody holler, "Let the fire fall". Licked up the wood, licked up the water.
 - I can understand fire licking up wood. Fire is supposed to burn wood. Heat is supposed to evaporate water.
 - **But the Bible said it got so hot, it burned up the rocks.**
 - When God gives you a sign, it'll burn up stuff that said it would not be burned.
 - Dust- I took care of your past...