

Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

1 Kings 18:25-40

Prophets of Baal

How did the prophets of Baal call out to their god?

What was the result of the prophets crying?

False religious systems are futile for three reasons.

1. First, they are futile because they cannot give access to God.
2. The second reason they are futile is because they fail to meet man's needs:
They can't save from either the penalty or power of sin.
3. Third they are futile because In the end no one pays attention.

What does this scene reveal about the condition of all mankind?

What lengths does man go to to gain God's approval?

The Altar

The altar is an illustration of God choosing the 12 tribes of Israel.

Monuments and altars are important for us to remember what God has done.

Elijah Rebuilt the altar that had stood. - The word is "to heal" "Rapha"

In what ways does this resemble the work of Christ?

Elijah's Prayer

What was Elijah's prayer? Contrast how Elijah approached the Lord with the prophets' approach to their god?

How do we resemble the prophets of Baal?

How should we resemble Elijah?

What is the real point of this confrontation? *Repentance* - turning their hearts back to God.

How do we approach God?

1. Come Near.
2. Recognize his greatness and ability with humility
3. Allow him to work.

God Answers

How did the Lord answer Elijah's prayer?

What was remaining after the fire of the Lord fell?

What did the people recognize when the fire of the Lord fell? "Yahweh Elohim"

How does the God we serve differ from the god of the prophets in this passage?

1. He answers.
2. He is powerful.
3. He doesn't need our help.

In what ways has God revealed himself to you?

The Outcome

What was the ultimate outcome of the prophets?

Was this a just penalty or too severe?

According to Deuteronomy 13:1-11 a false prophet is sentenced to death for leading others away from God - ultimately meaning to their eternal death.

Key Points

1. All Religions are not the same.
2. The object of your faith matters more than your expression of faith.
3. Your faith is a life or death issue.