

1. REVIEW

READ 1 Kings 18:17-40. In the story from this week’s sermon, the people were seeking to worship both Yahweh (God) and Baal. What accusation does Elijah level against the people of Israel? (vs. 21) How do they respond?

The prayers of the Baal worshippers ended in frustration and defeat, but God sent fire to answer the prayer of Elijah. How did the people respond when they saw God’s power in answer to Elijah’s prayer?

The Baal worshippers attempted to perform by dancing around the alter, cutting themselves, and making a spectacle to earn the favor of Baal. Elijah simply prayed in faith that God would show His power. How is the gospel about faith and not performance?

2. ASSESS

The people of Elijah’s day were trusting in idols to provide what only God could provide. Also, they were dividing their affections between the Creator God and meaningless idols. What earthly things are you trusting in to give you what only God can provide? What meaningless things/pursuits are you willingly giving your affections to that are robbing God of His rightful place in your life?

Elijah’s prayer was that God would demonstrate His power so that the hearts of the people would turn back to Him. Where does your heart need to turn back to the Lord?

Where are you requiring others to perform instead of loving them the way God loves them?

3. APPLY

If you are trusting in something other than God for your peace, security, pleasure, happiness, etc., how can you turn back to God to fill these needs in your life?

Have you accepted the “Lie of Neutrality” – that you can live in the middle ground of compromise between living for God and living for the world? In what specific areas of your life is this true? How can you repent of this and live differently this week?

MY GROUP'S COMMITMENTS

SERMON NOTES

1. Theology leads to WORSHIP (vs. 17-25)
 - a. Avoid the lie of NEUTRALITY
 - b. Avoid the lie that you're not into IDOL WORSHIP
2. IDOLS PROMISE what only God provides (vs. 26-35)
3. See the GOSPEL through Elijah (vs. 36-40)
 - a. It's FAITH not PERFORMANCE
 - b. It's the BLOOD of JESUS, not our own.

5 DAY READING PLAN

DAY 1

READ Revelation 3:14-22

What I learned (observations/interpretation):

How I will respond (application):

DAY 2

READ James 1:1-11

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 3

READ Luke 9:51-62

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 4

READ Titus 3:3-8

What I learned:

How I will respond:

DAY 5

READ Joshua 24:14-17

What I learned:

How I will respond: