Faith Ignited: The Answer By Fire

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• Elijah Lived At A Time When The False God “Baal” Was Introduced Into Israel

• The Worship Of Baal In Israel Was Brought On By The Marriage Of King Ahab And Jezebel
Faith Responds To God’s Plan

- Elijah Is On A Mission From God
- The Lord Sent Him

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• Ahab Blames Elijah Calling Him The “Troubler Of Israel”

• Ahab Abandoned The Lord And Instead Followed After A False God Named Baal.
• Elijah: “I Can Get Rid Of All This Trouble By Proving To You Who The Real God Is”

• HOW LONG WILL YOU WAVER BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS? (GOD AND BAAL)
True Faith

• Proclaims Truth

• Preaches And Teaches

• For Godly Decision And Life Change
• “If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.”

• This Is A Condemnation Of Half-Hearted & Double-Minded Indecision
• We Must Make A Choice -- If God Is The True God Then Follow Him!

• "No one can serve two masters"

• The God Who Answers By Fire Is God
Elijah’s Contest Rules:

• You Choose The Sacrifice
• You Pray As Long As You Wish
• I Will Then Do The Same
• The God Who Answers By Fire -- Is God
Faith Restores God’s People

- The Prophets Of Baal
  - Cried
  - Danced
  - Shouted
  - Prayed

- To No Avail -- Baal Did Not Respond
(1 Ki 18:27 NIV) 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."

Baal’s Prophets Responded By Increasing Their Fervor -- Working Themselves Into A Frenzy
• Baal
  • Did Not Move
  • Did Not Flinch
  • Did Not Answer

• Baal Could Not Answer ---
  Because Baal Does Not Exist

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• Elijah’s Faith Role Was To Restore God To His Rightful Place

• Faith Restores God’s People
• Elijah Took 12 Scattered Stones From The Broken Down Altar And Rebuilt It

• He Had It Set Up For A Miracle
  • That The Faith Of God’s People Could Be Restored
• The Altar Was Saturated With Water

• Elijah Stepped Forward And Prayed
  • Not To Some Dead Statue
  • Elijah Addressed God As A Living Person

• Elijah By Faith Was Restoring God’s People To The True God

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Faith Released God’s Power

- God Always Responds To Faith
- Elijah’s Faith Released God’s Power And God’s Answer For This Situation
• Elijah Was Vindicated As His Faith Became A Conduit Of God’s Power

• As Elijah Prayed In Faith Believing
  • The Fire Of God Fell
  • The Sacrifice
  • The Altar
  • The Stones
  • Everything Was Ablaze!!!
The People Fell And Proclaimed
*It Is The Lord Who Is God!*

- Not Baal
- Not Asherah
- Not Muhammad
- Not Buddha
• God Answers By Fire

• His Fire Is A Sign Of:
  • His Presence
  • His Glory
• Elijah Stood Up For God

• God Showed Up For Him

• God Answers By Fire

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• Elijah Stood In Faith -- To Show That God Will Always Back Up His Word

• We Are Called To Believe Even When He Hasn't Spoken Yet

• **What We Still Need Today Is Fire**

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