

## THE PURSUIT OF WISDOM, FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH, WHEN LIFE GETS HARD

O.T. Study - *Choosing God's Way - The Moment of Truth!* - September 30, 2018

Text: 1 Kings 18: 19 - 46

Intro: In this day and age, why do Christians sometimes feel that the world is against us?

Today we look at Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel. How did Elijah find the courage to do that?

### I. (1 Kings 18:19-24) We Will Often Be in the Minority When Standing for the Truth

1. What challenge did Elijah give Ahab in vs.19? What is so sad about this verse?
2. What challenge did Elijah give the people?
3. What was the contest? What would the winner be declared?

Can you think of any lessons that would be good for us today from this passage of scripture?

### II. (1 Kings 18:25-40) God Honors Our Bold Stance for the Truth

1. Why did this confrontation take place? (see also 1 Kings 18:1) Looking back at Elijah's story, what usually was the motivation to Elijah's actions? Are there any lessons for us today in that?
2. What did the prophets of Baal do to arouse their God?

3. What did Elijah say about their god?

4. (18:29) What three negative statements are given to end vs. 29?

5. What did Elijah do to the altar in order to remove all doubt about the power of God? Elijah prayed a simple prayer in vss. 37-38. What can we learn about Elijah in that "little prayer"?

Read James 5:13-18. What can we learn about prayer from this passage? What can we learn about Elijah?

6. What was the people's reaction in vss.38-39? What did Elijah do in vs. 40? (see Deut.13:1-5)

Can you think of any lessons that would be good for us today from this passage of scripture?

III. (1 Kings 18:41-46) God Hears His People When They Pray

1. What do you make of Elijah's posture while he prayed in vs.42?

2. What should be "at the heart" of any prayer we offer to God?

Can you think of any lessons that would be good for us today from this passage of scripture?

Text for October 7, 2018: Romans 1:16-32 *When Sinners Get What They Want!*