



Faith Missionary Baptist Church

BIBLE STUDY

[Tuesday & Wednesday]

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LESSON 8

Know That The God You Serve Is Real 1 Kings 18:21-39

INTRODUCTION

We live in a world that is filled with shiny things that are not real. They are expensive but not real. They look good. They taste good. They sound good; but they are not real. We call it imitation. We are surrounded by imitation commodities every day. How many times have you and I been fooled by something we thought was real, but it turned out to be imitation? You bought a sofa, you thought was leather, but it turned out to be vinyl or some other material. As there are unreal products on the market there are also unreal gods. There are gods of silver, gods of gold, and gods of all shapes, colors, and sizes. The gods of this world are a dime a dozen. People are making new gods every day, but they are not real. The gods of this world cannot save. They cannot heal. They cannot provide. They cannot walk nor talk. They cannot mend a broken heart.

We Christians can rejoice in knowing that our God is real. The songwriter was right when he said, "There are some things I may not know. There are some places I cannot go. But there is one thing that I know, my God is real for I can feel him in my soul." In our lesson today we are going to see how the real God stepped forward in acritical time in the life of Elijah and the nation of Israel.

OPENING DISCUSSION QUESTION: How has God made himself real to you?

1st Reading-1 Kings 18:21.....Decision Time: Which God Will You Serve?

- A. Elijah's challenge: How long will you be undecided?
- B. If the Lord is your God-follow him.
- C. If not God, choose Baal-you can't have both. (See Matthew 6:24)
- D. The people answered not a word-(No response, still halting between two opinion).

2nd Reading-1 Kings 18:22-24.....Elijah God's Prophet Vs. Baal's Prophets

- A. I am the only prophet of God (He thought, not so-See 1Kings 19:14, 18)
- B. Outnumbered he thought.
- C. Perhaps intimidated
- D. Put the gods to the test
 - ❖ Two bullocks for Israel
 - ❖ One for Baal
 - ❖ Instructions-Cut it in pieces, lay it on wood
 - ❖ Put no fire
 - ❖ Dress the other bullock, lay it on wood, put no fire
- E. Call on your gods
- F. Elijah will call on the name of the Lord

3rd Reading- 1 Kings 18:25-26.....Now It's Baal's Turn To Step Forward

- A. Choose one bullock
- B. Dress the bullock
- C. For you are many
- D. Call on the name of your gods.
- E. Put no fire under your sacrifice
- F. Sacrifice made
- G. Baal was called morning and noon.
- H. No response from Baal

4th Reading-1 Kings 18:27-29.....Is Baal A Mia God?

- A. Elijah mocks the prophets of Baal
- B. Cry loud
- C. Is he talking or running
- D. I he asleep
- E. The people cut themselves with stone.
- F. Calling into the evening sacrifice-no response-MIA-No response

5th Reading- 1 Kings 18:30-32.....Prepare For God's Awesome Appearance

- A. Summons to the people to draw near
- B. Prepare the altar
- C. Twelve stones gathered =twelve tribes of the sons of Jacob
- D. Description-*"Unto whom the word of the Lord came, saying, Israel shall be thy name."*
- E. Built altar in the name of the Lord.
- F. Trench dug around the altar. Wide enough to contain 1 ¼ pecks

6th Reading-1 Kings 18:33-35.....Instructions: Bring The Wood

- A. Arrange the wood in order
- B. Cut the bullock in pieces
- C. Fill up the barrels with water
- D. Wet the wood and the sacrifice
- E. Everything is ready

7th Reading- 1 Kings 18:36-37.....It's Prayer Time-Elijah Calls On The Real God

- A. It came to pass-it happened
- B. God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel.- Common title in the OT- Covenant God
- C. *Relationship*-I am your servant
- D. *Obedience*-I have done these things at your word.
- E. *Supplication*- *Hear me, Why? So the people will know you are real and turn back to you.*

8th Reading- 1 Kings 18:38-39.....When The Fire of God Falls It's Time To Fall Down And Worship

- A. The fire of the Lord fell
- B. Results-burnt up the sacrifice
- C. Burnt the wood
- D. Burnt the stones
- E. Licked up the water- All supernatural- miraculous occurrence
- F. Response of the people
 - ❖ Saw- amazed-overwhelmed-astonished-flabbergasted.
 - ❖ Fell on their faces – Mixed- Fear and worship.
 - ❖ *Confession*-The Lord he is the God, The Lord he is the God.

Spiritual Applications of The Lesson

1. Why settle for an unreal God when you can have the real God?
2. God is real without a doubt, he must be real to you.
3. Since God is real, he is worthy to be praised, served, and worshipped.
4. God will always show up at the right time.
5. God will not accept part-time love and devotion.
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

MEMORY VERSES: "And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God." -----1 Kings 18:39

