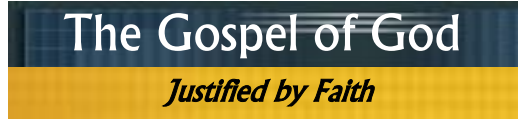


Living Connections Bible Study



Title: The LORD, He is God!

Text: Romans 11:2-3; 1 Kings 18

Prayer:

Icebreaker: Share a time when you stood alone in defending your Christian faith.

1. What king and his wife were largely responsible for leading Israel into the worship of Baal.
1 Kings 16:29-33

The nation Israel had so compromised their faith that Yahweh, the true God of the Bible, no longer answered their prayers. Their crops were failing, and His power was no longer evident among them. Their lives and families were in turmoil. They had become slaves to their sinful lusts, and were emulating the ways of the pagan nations around them.

2. Look up the meaning of Elijah's name? How does his name fit in with God's calling for his life?

Baal worship had become the popular religion of the day. Since Yahweh wasn't answering their prayers, perhaps Baal would? Baal was supposed to be the god responsible for fertility, good crops, and rain storms.

3. How did God use Elijah to demonstrate to Israel that Baal was powerless to help them?
1 Kings 17:1; James 5:17-18; Deuteronomy 11:16-17

4. Before God was willing to bring the drought to an end what did Israel need to acknowledge?
1 Kings 18:39

5. Who did Ahab blame for his nation's troubles, and how do *modern progressives* do the same sort of thing today? 1 Kings 18:17

6. Where did Elijah rightly place the blame? 1 Kings 18:18

7. For what purpose did Elijah invite all Israel, the prophets of Baal and Asherah to Mt. Carmel?
1 Kings 18:19-21

8. How did Elijah feel as he faced unbelieving Israel, the pagan monarchy, and the prophets of Baal?
1 Kings 18:22; 19:14; Romans 11:2-3

9. Why was this contest especially appropriate to prove that Baal was powerless to do what the people thought he could do? 1 Kings 18:22-24

10. How did Elijah demonstrate fairness to the false prophets, while at the same time pointing out the absurdity of idolatry and the impotence of Baal? 1 Kings 18:25-29; Psalm 135:15-18

The misguided actions of these false prophets remind us of a very important truth. Faith is only as good as its object. Faith and sincerity in religion do not insure that one's worship is acceptable to God.

11. What lessons can we learn from Elijah's example in contrast to the prophets of Baal? 1 Kings 18:30-38?

12. What effect did God's marvelous display of power have on the people? 1 Kings 18:39

Think about it this week:

Elijah stood up for the honor of the God of Heaven, and God vindicated Himself and His prophet before Israel.

We are living in a day when secular humanism is pressuring us to accept all religions as equally valid. The enemy, we are told, is not Islam but intolerance. They claim that *Bible Christianity is too narrow, that our view of God is to blame for terrorism, and people who think theirs is the only true religion are the enemy.*

Am I willing to stand up for God and share His message with those around me?