



The Ministry of Elijah

Lesson 3: The LORD is My Jealous God

Introduction: Exodus 20:4-6 and Ezekiel 18:30-32

I. God's Grace and Faithfulness Remain - 18:1-2

- What is to be the content of God's message to Ahab?
- What attitude in the heart of God does the message reveal?

II. Elijah and Obadiah - 18: 2b-15

Obadiah (not the prophet): Two possible explanations exist:

- a.
- b.

Digging Deeper 1:

What was the source of Obadiah's fear? (see esp. v. 12)

Digging Deeper 2:

Analyze Ahab's comment to Obadiah in 18:5. What does it reveal?

III. Elijah and the Prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel - 18:16-37

Ahab's Attitude

Distorted -

Submissive -

Why Mt. Carmel?

What DO we hear? (v. 30) -

What do we NOT hear? -

Drawing Sharp Lines of Contrast

Digging Deeper 3:

*Jesus said, "Whoever is not for me is against me." (Mt. 12:30)
Can you think of others in Scripture who "wavered between two opinions"?*

What kept them from wholeheartedly following the LORD?

Nature of the prayer

- a.
- b.
- c.

Length of the prayer

Soaking of the sacrifice

What's at stake? Isaiah 42:8

Digging Deeper 4:

Read Isaiah 44:9-20. Although our society demands tolerance and understanding for all religions, are there religious rituals you know of that are genuinely ridiculous ?

Digging Deeper 5:

What attempts do people of our world make to "impress" God or "get his attention" as the prophets of Baal did?

IV. Five Miracles in One Day - 18:38-46

Miracle #1: _____

- Look at the details! (v. 38)

Miracle #2: _____

- Compare 1 Cor. 12:3

Miracle #3: _____

- Consider the personal risk!

Miracle #4: _____

- Note the *timing*
- Note the shift in Elijah's attitude
 - before Ahab
 - before God

Miracle #5: _____

- Note the silent sermon

Conclusion