

April 07

"The Lord—he is God! Yes, the Lord is God!"

Scripture to read: 1Kings 18:16-39

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go and present yourself to King Ahab. When Ahab saw him, he exclaimed, "So, is it really you, you troublemaker of Israel?" "I have made no trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "You and your family are the troublemakers, for you have refused to obey the commands of the Lord and have worshiped the images of Baal instead. Now summon all Israel to join me at Mount Carmel, along with the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah who are supported by Jezebel. Then Elijah looked at the people of Israel and said, "How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!" Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only prophet of the Lord who is left, but Baal has 450 prophets. We will be sacrificing this morning, the god who answers by fire and consumes the sacrifice—he is God." Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. When nothing happened, Elijah went to his altar and he dug a trench around it and poured four large jars of water three times and then prayed unto the Lord. Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they felt prostrate and cried, "The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!"



Children of God, did you'll see the amazing and wonderful work of the Lord. It was the fire of the Lord that even burned the wet wood into ashes. Why did Elijah chastise the people of Israel? These were the people who worshiped Baal at times and the Lord at times. Children it is useless to live such a life. It is good to worship the living God, God who speaks, who helps us and the one who loves us. What is the use of worshiping a God who has no life, that which cannot speak and one which cannot help us in any way? By doing this we will bring the wrath of God. Let's worship the Lord always.

I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 2 Timothy 1:5

Prayer:

Powerful and Majestic God, we praise you. Lord, who was with Elijah, be with us too. We will live with unshakable faith that the Lord is God and will never go away from him. Amen

Elijah at Mount Carmel

“Please answer me, so these people will know that you are the Lord God,
and that you will turn their hearts back to you.”

1 Kings 18:37

