



GOD IS SENDING FIRE ON YOUR OFFERING

The Holy Spirit has been drawing my attention to the story in 1 Kings 18, when Elijah and Ahab and the prophets of Baal had their showdown.

As you recall, Jezebel had been killing the prophets of God and supporting the prophets of Baal and Asherah. When Elijah shows up to meet with King Ahab, Ahab accuses him of making trouble in Israel but Elijah declared that it was the king and his family that had made trouble for the nation by turning away from God to worship Baal.

Elijah then tells Ahab to call the prophets of Baal and Asherah to be gathered (along with the worshippers of these idols). There were 450 prophet of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah and one prophet of the true God, Elijah. Elijah instructed the prophets of Baal and Asherah to build an altar of wood and place a cut up bull upon it and then to call to their gods to send fire to consume their offering. From morning to evening they called, shouted, danced and ritualistically cut themselves to summon their god. Fire never fell.

Then Elijah built an altar of stone and wood. He then placed the cut up bull upon it. Then the altar was drenched with water; even a trench was dug around it and water filled it. Then He called upon the One true God.

“At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command. O LORD, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.” Immediately the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench! And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, “The LORD —he is God! Yes, the LORD is God!””

1 Kings 18:36-39

I felt to remind you of this story because many of you are facing impossible circumstances and yet you have not turned away from the One true God. You have seen the lives of prophets taken, you have watched the evil one try to kill the word of the Lord that you have been standing on and you have watched your countrymen turn to serve idols and false gods.

Today you stand like Elijah before your drenched offering, knowing that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the true God. Those against you outnumber those who are for you but God is on your side and He is about to send fire upon your offering.

I hear you praying the words of Elijah that say,

“...Prove that I have done all this at your command. O LORD, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.”

This showdown is not merely for your breakthrough but it is the kindness of God that brings those who have turned to false gods back to the One who loves them and gave His life for them. It is for you, for God and for those who have been lost.

The spirit of Elijah is upon the Church and we are about to see the fire of God fall upon the impossibilities and upon nations! Many will turn to God as they see Him prove that He alone is God.

Declare that the spirit of Elijah will fall in a greater measure upon our sacrifice. Believe that God's true and pure fire will fall. Declare that those who worship and serve idols (false gods) will turn back to God. The spirit of Elijah defeats every spirit of deception when God's fire falls and reveals Him as the One true God.

This is the hour that the glory will return! The glory train is arriving and a shout that calls *“All aboard”* is heard throughout the nations. Those who carry the spirit of Elijah will board this train and be carriers of His fire and glory. They will call back that which belongs to God! The whistle has sounded and it is the time of glory and fire to go forth with light and power.

We call upon the name of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! Prove that we have done all these things at your command. O LORD, answer us. Answer us so the people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.