

Decisions

Kings 18:16-20

Ahab was a wicked king who did evil in the sight of the Lord. He was married to Jezebel who worshipped Baal.

Elijah the prophet presented himself before Ahab, and was asked if he was the troublemaker. Elijah responded that Ahab and his family were the troublemakers. They had abandoned the Lord's commands and followed the Baals - the false gods.

Elijah told him to summon the people and meet him on Mt. Carmel. When they had assembled, Elijah questioned them saying, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him."

Elijah instructed them to secure two bulls and cut them in pieces, put them on the wood, but do not set it afire. They were to call upon the name of their god, Baal, which they did from morning to noon, but to no avail. They shouted louder and even slashed themselves until blood flowed, but received no answer.

Elijah placed his cut up bull on the wood along with water that had been poured over it three times. Elijah prayed that the Lord would make known that he is the God in Israel, and Elijah was his servant. He had done all that the Lord had commanded him to do. He asked God to answer him and let the people know that he was turning their hearts back again.

The fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, wood, stones and the soil. It even licked up the water in the trench.

God is waiting with outstretched arms to receive us. Whosoever will, let him come. Choose you this day who you will serve.