

SHINNING THROUGH THE DARKNESS

Lesson #6 –The Darkness of False Prophets

Scripture Reading: 1Kings 18:17-19

Introduction:

1. When we let our light shine we sometimes will feel alone in the struggle.
2. With God we are never alone when we shine our light before the darkened hearts of the age.
3. When we let our light shine, we will...

I. WE CAN STAND AGAINST A WORLD OF EVIL -18:20-25

A. HE STOOD AGAINST 450 PROPHETS OF BAAL

1. He had challenges of overcome (depression -19:4-10)
2. We may have challenges to overcome

B. ELIJAH STOOD WITH CONFIDENCE IN HIS GOD

1. He displayed great faith in God by starting the challenge
2. We have challenges before us (God pushed out of our culture, homosexuality, abortion, etc.)

II. WE WILL NEVER STAND IN SHAME – 18:26-29

A. THEY WERE IGNORED –vs. 26

1. Baal was the alleged god of weather who was usually portrayed with a thunderbolt in hand.
2. He could not prevent or change the drought.
3. He could not respond to his followers

B. THEY WERE MOCKED –vs. 27

1. At noon Elijah mocks them.
2. We taunt in our sports today.

C. THEY WERE UNSUCCESSFUL –vs. 28-29

1. They cried louder and cut themselves
2. No one paid attention.

III. WE WILL SERVE A GOD WHO CANNOT BE CHALLENGED – 18:29-35

A. BAAL FAILED TO IGNITE A DRY SACRIFICE –vs. 29

1. Why employ an incompetent god?
2. When we misplace our faith it becomes vain faith.

B. FOR GOD, THIS WAS TOO EASY! –vs. 32-35

1. Elijah drenched the sacrifice
2. God is not challenged by our problems –Ge 18:14, Ep 3:20

IV. WE WILL SERVE A GOD WHO ALWAYS EXCEED EXPECTATION – 18:36-40

A. GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS –vs. 36-37

1. We do not have to be and plead before He answers –Mt 6:8
2. We must ask in faith –Ja 1:6-8

B. GOD EXCELS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT –vs. 38

1. The sacrifice was all that was required
2. Behold the awesome power of God

C. GOD PREVAILS OVER EVIL –vs. 39-40

1. At last the people believed, but it was too late.
2. Atheist and those refusing to follow God will see His power first hand –Ph 2:9-11

Conclusion:

1. We have seen four benefits from following God.
2. Let us remember that God will come again to claim His own. At that time may we be found in Him