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God's instructions to Elijah were to hide. Although King Ahab's soldiers searched diligently for him, they couldn't find him. Meanwhile, conditions in Israel grew worse. There was no feed for the king's horses and mules and King Ahab didn't want to let them die. But he had still not turned his heart back to God or repented of the wicked things he and his wife Jezebel were doing and had done.

In desperation, King Ahab himself and his trusted servant Obadiah, went looking all throughout the land of Israel, trying to find food for the animals. Ahab's primary concern was not for his people; but his animals. It would cost him money to replace them. In God's economy, people are more important than all other forms of life. So much so that through his prophet Isaiah, He even said the sun, moon and stars will one day be dissolved. In the Ten Commandments, God told the people not to worship created things like the earth and living creatures and its environment. Only God Himself is the One to be worshipped.

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When at last Elijah and Ahab met face to face again, King Ahab didn't sound at all sorry for causing the terrible drought. He instead blamed it entirely on Elijah. Many of us want to claim it isn't our fault when something bad happens. We would much prefer to claim that we have suffered in this thing too and we are victims. Elijah set up an appointment with the king and people on the top of Mount Carmel and for once, they all obeyed him.

Why choose Mount Carmel? Carmel was a range of hills about 8 miles long and only a few miles from the Mediterranean Sea. The tallest of the hills was about 1700 feet above sea level and they had fertile tablelands at their tops where fruit trees and grape vines were grown. Any rain for Israel commanded from Mt Carmel would have to move eastward from the Mediterranean Sea.

The people watching Elijah and the priests of Baal may not have been sure what to think. They didn't have a Bible to read as we do today. In fact, well over 50 years had passed since the split of the northern and southern kingdoms. Memories of God's instructions and laws would have been very dim by then if they hadn't been faithfully taught to the people along the way.

In the Bible book of Psalms, Chapter 119, Verse 89 it states, "Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven." God is not inconsistent or changeable in His ways.

Traditional Christianity since the Apostle Paul's time has always upheld the Holy Scriptures as the final authority in all matters of faith and practice. But in every generation that passes, there are challenges to the authority of God's Word. One of the typical ways attempted to diminish the authority of the Book is to add other things to the Bible interpretation, like Scripture plus church traditions and then cultural customs. Whenever some other consideration is added to the authority of Scripture, the Bible's authority becomes weakened in those hearers' lives. People plan attacks on the Scriptures because they have rebellious hearts and they don't want to obey what God has said in it.

While the priests of Baal called out for Baal to send fire from heaven on their offering, they started to wail and cut themselves. In the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 14, God told the children of Israel not to cut themselves or shave the front of their hair when they were mourning. For believers in the Lord Jesus, the words from 1st Corinthians, Chapter 6, says: “Don’t you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and who was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourselves but to God. He bought you for a price. So use your bodies for God’s glory.”

When the priests of Baal had exhausted themselves and nothing happened, Elijah repaired the old altar of the Lord on Mt Carmel. This had been broken down earlier by Queen Jezebel. Then Elijah set the evening sacrifice for about 3 o’clock in the afternoon. So there would be no doubts whatsoever in the people’s minds about who controlled fire and where it came from, Elijah had both the sacrifice and wood drenched with lots of water. Although water was so scarce at this time, the people found enough so that the water also filled a trench surrounding the altar. Elijah only asked God once to send fire. When it powerfully came, consuming all the water, sacrifice and altar stones, all the people were left convinced that Almighty God was the only god to be worshipped.

Do you think people should ask God to do miraculous things for them so they can believe in Him? In Luke’s Gospel, Chapter 16, the Lord Jesus told a distressing story about a man’s soul suffering in torment after his body had died here on earth. The man had lived a selfish life and ignored God and His Scriptures while living to build his business and wealth. The suffering man now asked Abraham, whom he could see in the distance, to send someone back to earth to warn his five brothers about the terrible place he was in. He was sure that if someone who had already died went back to visit them, they would change their ways before it was too late. But Abraham wouldn’t go, saying that if the five brothers didn’t believe the writings of Moses at this point, then neither would they be convinced if someone came back from the dead with the same warnings.

And this is true for us all today. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself rose from the dead yet billions of people living today refuse to believe in Him. Miracles, sadly, do not increase the faith of people who won't listen or humble themselves before God.

How about you? Have you resolved to humbly obey God's instructions for the rest of your life? In the Bible book Micah, Chapter 6, Verse 8 it says: "The Lord has shown you O man what is good. And what does he require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Of course if you try to do this on your own strength, you will soon fail and give up. God's Word promises salvation, which is a guarantee of a perfect life in heaven eternally, to those who call on Jesus' name to forgive their sins. Call out to Him in prayer and tell Him you need Him to save you. He promises that He will.

In John's Gospel, Chapter 3, it says: "God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." And in 2nd Peter, Chapter 3, it says that God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. May we find salvation while we still can.

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