

THE CLASSICS | Week 2

Elijah vs. the prophets of Baal

- Would you put God up against anything?
 - Science, sports, government, friends.
- Do you have faith, trust and confidence in God?
- We are so passive now a days in our approach to things and many times are scared to put the truth out there because we want to be nice.
 - We hide behind “loving people” that we withhold Truth.
 - We are so concerned with being tolerant of peoples moral and theological relativism that we will stand to the side and watch people burn before we will say something that can save them but possibly offend them.
 - Expound.
- Is it a lack of confidence in God?
 - Do we really believe the Bible is the one and only truth?
 - Do you believe that God will work through you? Or, will he fail you?
 - **Deuteronomy 31:6** “Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.”
 - **Luke 12:11-12** “And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”
- What I am not saying is, to be arrogant self-righteous jerks but to be people who are in love with God therefore love people, zealous for the name and word of God to be in the right place and to be a people who will not just sit to the side. We need to be bold leaders.
 - Do we put more stock in getting a PR, winning nationals, winning an election, spending time with that special someone, getting good grades, or the truth of God?
- **1 Kings 18: 17-40**
- Ahab, King of Israel
- Elijah, prophet of God, mouthpiece of God, someone God calls to speak Truth.
- Baal, false god, the fertility god, some said most powerful of all the gods.
- 17-19
- 20-24
 - Challenges set, big G God vs. little g god and Israel is going along with it.
- 25-29
- 30-39
 - Altar, 12 jars of water
- 40
 - Killed the prophets of Baal.
- Elijah risked his life to take a stand for God.
 - What are you willing to risk?

- Elijah didn't just go with the crowd and what was common or easy.
 - I'm sure he had friends and potentially family that were worshiping Baal and going with all of the Israelites.
 - On beliefs, movies you're watching, how dating is supposed to work.
- Elijah had the confidence that God would come through.