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RISE UP!

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The power of deception

1 Kings 18:17

When he saw Elijah, he said to him, 'Is that you, you troubler of Israel?'

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Stay hungry for the truth

1 Kings 18:18

‘I have not made trouble for Israel,’ Elijah replied. ‘But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned the Lord’s commands and have followed the Baals.’

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Elijah's Challenge

1 Kings 18:19

Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table.'

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Elijah's Challenge

1 Kings 18:24

Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire - he is God.'

Then all the people said, 'What you say is good.'

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Elijah's Challenge

Who will you serve?

1 Kings 18:21

Elijah went before the people and said, 'How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.'

1. You have to choose!

Elijah's Challenge

Who will you serve?

Revelation 3:15-16

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm - neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

1. You have to choose!

2. False gods promise what they cannot deliver

Elijah's Challenge

Who will you serve?

1 Kings 18:26

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. 'Baal, answer us!' they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

1. You have to choose!
2. False gods promise what they cannot deliver

Elijah's Confidence

In whom do you trust?

1 Kings 18:27

At noon Elijah began to taunt them. 'Shout louder!' he said. 'Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or travelling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.'

Elijah's Confidence

In whom do you trust?

1 Kings 18:28-29

So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

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Elijah's Cry

Whose hearts do you cry for?

1 Kings 18:37

Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.'

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The fire fell

Something greater than the fire has
fallen

1 Kings 18:38

Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

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Our response

To bow before the only true God

1 Kings 18:39

When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, 'The Lord - he is God! The Lord - he is God!'

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