

“Elijah- Prayer That Brings Victory!”  
Sept. 29, 2013

**Scripture Reading** – I Kings 18:17-24, 36-39

1. The Pre-Fight “Trash-Talk.” (18:17-18)
2. The “Mt. Carmel” Challenge. (18:19-20)

*“How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God –Follow Him!”  
(18:21)*

3. The Rules of the Fight.
  - Elijah vs. 450 Baal prophets (plus 400 Asherah prophets)
  - The LORD vs. Baal
  - Two bulls, Two prayers –no fire.
  - If fire comes due to prayer, then all will know who is God.
4. The “Fight.”
  - The Baal prophets prayed! (NO FIRE!)
    1. Wrong object of their prayer.
    2. Lots of time.
    3. Human effort and self-mutilation.
  - Elijah prayed! (FIRE!)
    1. The altar prepared.
    2. The added water.
    3. The purpose of the prayer –“The LORD is God!”

**Application:**

1. Do we tend to be “lukewarm” in our faith? What areas do we hesitate to fully follow the LORD?
2. If the LORD is God (and He is) how should that change our prayers?
3. Discuss the difference between the approach to prayer as you compare Elijah and the false prophets.
4. What kind of victory can we claim in our prayer life today?