

These questions are for the September 21, 2025, message, “The glory of God’s grace,” from the series entitled, “Seeking Him.” Please read the sermon passage (1 Kings 18:21-39) out loud.

Passage Outline

When we are revived to treasure God’s presence, we . . .

1. hear His gracious call (21-22) (the confrontation).
 - a. The person: Elijah is a nobody prophet, who serves the living God.
 - b. The risk: In serving God, Elijah risked his physical life / comfort (17:1, 18:17-18).
 - c. The confrontation: a call to the people of God to be all in on God’s side.
2. see His glorious power (23-38) (the contest).
 - a. Almighty God vs. Baal, the “storm god.”
 - i. The nobody prophet calls on Yahweh, while the “powerful” majority prophets call on the name of their nobody god.
 - ii. Baal, the storm God cannot produce lightning. Baal did not speak.
 - b. God’s glorious power is seen as fire falls from heaven to consume the sacrifice.
 - i. “Before the mercy and favor of the rains and the restoration of the crops, an accepted sacrifice must be received.” -Dr. Walter Kaiser
 - ii. God pursues and restores the hearts of his people.
3. worship God alone (39) (the convinced).
 - a. God’s convinced people fall face-down before him in submission / awe.
 - b. How do we see God’s power today?
 - i. In the narratives in Scripture (like this one!).
 - ii. Generally, in creation (Rom 1:19-20), specifically at the cross (Rom 1:16), personally as he changes us.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The prophet confronted “the people” and called them to integrity: be completely loyal to Yahweh. Give God thanks for the areas of your life which are completely dedicated to Him. Which areas need to be brought into “all in” submission?
2. Based on #2, above: This generation bows to gods such as freedom, comfort and individualism. How have you bowed to those gods in the past? How can we engage with our culture who bows to these gods?
3. Based on #3, above: God’s power and grace have been seen physically in the past, such as in this account of fire falling from heaven. We said that His power can be seen just as personally today, in creation (Rom 1:19-20), at the cross of Jesus (Rom 1:16) and in you when God changes your life. How have you seen God’s power and grace?
4. Based on #3, above: When we pray for revival, we are praying for God to intervene in the lives of His people to refresh us so that we treasure his presence above all things. Would you please invest time in praying for revival now?