
MEDITATION

In the breathless silence that ensued upon this challenge Elijah now stood forward, and pointing to the white-robed crowd of priests over against him, he recalled to king and people that he and he only remained—that is, in active office and open profession—a prophet of Jehovah. Single-handed, therefore, he would go to the contest, if contest of power it were against that multitude. Power! They worshipped as God the powers of nature: let them then make trial on whose side the powers which are in nature were arrayed. Let this be the test: the priests of Baal on their side, and he on his, would each choose a bullock and prepare it for sacrifice, but not kindle the fire beneath, “and it shall be the Elohim who shall answer by fire, He is the Elohim.” A shout of universal assent greeted the proposal.

In the circumstances it would be of the greatest practical importance that the futility of Baal-worship should be exhibited in the fullest manner. This explains the details of all that follows. Besides, after a whole day’s vain appliance of every resource of their superstition, the grandeur of Jehovah’s majestic interposition would also make the deeper impression. But although from Elijah’s point of view it was important that the priests of Baal should first offer their sacrifice, the proposition was one to which no objection could be taken, since Elijah not only gave them the choice of the sacrificial animal, but they were many as against one. Nor could they complain so far as regarded the test proposed by Elijah, since their Baal was also the god of fire, the very Sun-god.

Alfred Edersheim, *Bible History: Old Testament*, vol. 6
(Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1975), 16–17.

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Order of Worship

Sunday, March 10, 2024

9:00 and 10:45 AM

Music Leader: James Kenniv

Elder: Scott Wyckoff

WE GATHER to CORPORATELY WORSHIP GOD

♪ *Come Thou Fount*

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Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come my Lord no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last

WELCOME, INVOCATION, and CONFESSION

WORSHIP in SONGS of ADORATION and PRAISE

🎵 **Rejoice**

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Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Sing it again we rejoice
Delight in the love He has shown us
Gratefully lift up your voice
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in His goodness
A family of grace

*With each breath He's given, praise the Lord
In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing
Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving
Lay your requests at His feet
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal
The Shepherd of our lives

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Tell of the good He has done
Worship the Lord to remember
All of the joy yet to come
The hope that burns within us
The dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never ending
We say again rejoice

♪ ***All My Boast is in Jesus***

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What wonder of wonders what love is this
That Christ would die for me
His goodness His merit His righteousness
This sinner's only plea
O foolish pride be crucified
The work is finished

*All my boast is in Jesus
All my hope is His love
And I will glory forever
In what the cross has done*

Now fully forgiven my life is filled
With graces undeserved
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill
Let praises now return
Rise up my soul and bless the Lord
Who else is worthy

*O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord*

I boast not in riches in strength or might
But in the grace of God
I glory in weakness to live is Christ
In plenty or in want
That I may know that all may see
His pow'r within me

*Now I stand in His freedom
Ransomed clean in His sight
And I cannot be ashamed for
My boast is Jesus Christ
My boast is Jesus Christ
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ*

FELLOWSHIP in PRAYER

WORSHIP IN THE TRUTH of HIS WORD

The Showdown Between Yahweh and Baal
1 Kings 18

Mark Lopez

WORSHIP in SONGS of RESPONSE

♪ ***Only A Holy God***

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Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God

♪ ***Behold Our God***

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Who has held the oceans in His hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at His voice
All creation rises to rejoice

*Behold our God seated on His throne
Come let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore Him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of His words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hand
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

*You will reign forever
(Let Your glory fill the earth)*