

Discussion Questions for “Overlooked Wisdom: Confronting Evil”
1 Kings 18 (Reading: 18:20-29), Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of October 18th & 19th

Sermon Outline

Scene 1: The rain hasn’t come (vv. 1-16).

- There are faithful believers serving God in wicked and lonely places.

Scene 2: The fire doesn’t come (vv. 17-29).

- The godlessness of all other gods.
- The foolishness of worshiping other gods.

Scene 3: The fire does come (vv. 30-40).

- The LORD is God.
- Worship and follow the LORD God.

Scene 4: The rain does come (vv. 41-46).

- God sends rain on the just and the unjust.

Sermon Questions

1. Obadiah is such an interesting person to meet in 1 Kings 18:1-16.
 - a. What catches your attention about him?
 - b. Is there anything we can learn from his brief appearance?
2. What does Elijah mean by “limping between two different opinions” in verse 21?
 - a. Do you ever see this kind of thing happening *in our world*?
 - b. Do you ever see this kind of thing happening *in your own heart*?
3. Think of Elijah’s comment in verse 27:
 - a. Why is he so *firm* in describing the foolishness of Baal’s prophets?
 - b. Why do we, too, need to personally feel the weight of his words?
4. The LORD proved that He’s God by sending the fire (verse 38). Further, Jesus proved that He’s God by His resurrection.
 - a. What other ways has God proved – in the past – that He’s God?
 - b. What other ways is God still proving – in the present day – that He’s God?

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5. Continuing to mull over the fact that “The LORD, He is God” (verse 39)...
 - a. Why are we tempted to quickly skim through this truth?
 - b. Why can’t we quickly skim through it? In other words, what’s the practical impact of this truth *for you? For your friends, family, co-workers, classmates, etc.?*
6. Read Matthew 5:44-45.
 - a. What connection is there between these words of Jesus and 1 Kings 18?
 - b. What does this connection say about the way you and I should live our lives?
7. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?