

# January 14, 2018

## AN ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT PART 2

This morning as we continue to reflect and improve our attitudes towards the things of God, we are going to dive deeper into the life of God's prophet Elijah. We touched on how God used his life to kill the prophets of Baal, however it is Elijah's attitude toward God and his assignment of God that blessed him at first; but eventually caused him to forfeit his place of authority in life. As we study these scriptures, God wants you to reflect on these questions:

- What is my attitude (mindset) about living a public and private Christian lifestyle?
- Am I really willing to fight for, pursue despite resistance, and stand for what God has promised me?
- What are the things I need to change about me, so that I don't stand in the way of what God is doing in my life?

### A DECISION TO MAKE

Let's look at the account...

#### 1 Kings 18:16-21 NIV

*"So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" "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. 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." So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. 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." But the people said nothing."*

What about this scripture stands out to you the most?

Just like these people said nothing when faced with a life and lifestyle decision, many of us have moved into 2018 not absolute or persuaded of the God we serve. We say God is God, but it's who we follow that really reveals our allegiance.

- How often do you condone gossip because you want to know the scoop?
- Why have you brought grudges with people from 2017 into 2018?
- What sinful habits have you not taken a stand on to kill?

This year God is demanding us to take a stance. Either we are for Him or against Him. Either way, we have to give Him an answer. The question this morning is:

**What answer does your silence give to God?**

Let's continue:

**1 Kings 18:39-43 NIV**

*"When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, 'The Lord —he is God! The Lord —he is God!' Then Elijah commanded them, 'Seize the prophets of Baal. Don't let anyone get away!' They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered there. And Elijah said to Ahab, 'Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.' So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. 'Go and look toward the sea,' he told his servant. And he went up and looked. 'There is nothing there,' he said. Seven times Elijah said, 'Go back.'"*

Why is Elijah's word to Ahab so significant?

When did Elijah pray for rain?

**What you are Bold enough to declare, God is powerful enough to fulfill.**

This year God wants you to have the mindset, attitude, and perspective that what you say is the will of God. (Not what you say becomes the will of God).

**John 15:7 NKJV**

*"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."*

The authority of God and power in the Spirit that Elijah walked in manifested in the words. Before Elijah prayed, or seen any sign of his words come to pass, he walked in an authority and attitude that made kings follow his instruction. What is God telling you "this year, have the courage to declare despite what you see?"

Lastly,

**1 Kings 19:1-4, 15-16 NKJV**

*"And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.' And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, 'It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!'"*

*Then the LORD said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place."*

**If you can't stand the heat, God will find somebody who can...**

Where were God's consoling words to Elijah?

We must realize this year, that it is truly not about us. God has a mission and purpose for the world to see His glory and know that He is God. He has chosen you and me to be vessels by which He can

do this. However, what God can't use is a believer full of potential, full of purpose, born with an assignment for God to succeed and win, but with a defeated attitude and mind.

**The quickest way for God to fire you is when you fire yourself.**

**This week's challenge:**

Take this week to write down where you need to adjust some things in your life. Ask God to give you His boldness to declare what His will is.