

Small Group Study Notes

1 Kings 18:1-46

1. The story opens with the land caught in the midst of a severe drought. Solomon knew that such catastrophes would come and gave guidance as to what to do (8:37-39). What is the balance between taking practical steps as Ahab is doing here and doing what Solomon recommended?
2. Should a man like Obadiah have been working for a man like Ahab? Are there some companies that a Christian should not work for? Does John 17:15 speak to our work environment or not?
3. “How long will you waver between two opinions?” It could be argued that the out and out atheist is better than the person who says he/she believes in God but totally ignores him. Agree or disagree?
4. “Answer” is the key word in this story; v24, v26, v29, v37. Baal does not answer while God does. But what point are we to draw from the fact that God answers instantly in one case, the fire, and only at the end of seven requests in the other case, the rain?
5. The spokesmen of Baal work hard at seeking to induce their god to answer their prayers. Elijah does nothing more than simply ask. Is fasting a form of trying to induce God to answer our prayers?
6. The king is as bad as the prophets of Baal. To the king God extends grace but not to the prophets of Baal. What do you think is going on here?