

# FIRE FALL

## Day Four: The Showdown

*“Call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD,  
and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God.”*

*And all the people answered and said, “It is well spoken” ... 1 Kings 18:24*

Popular culture, led by celebrities and political super stars, continues to declare that there are multiple gods and/or multiple ways to get to know God. This is what happens when a nation no longer anticipates the supernatural manifestations of the Omnipotent. If God is viewed as a distant, non-involved deity, then the playing field is leveled for anyone, and anything, to be worshiped and deified.

What we would call a godless society, more times than not, is actually a society with multiple gods. Atheism and pantheism are two sides of the same coin. In this type of culture, you cannot merely change the mindset by superior arguments. Only a supernatural encounter with the power of the One True God can give definitive proof to His existence.

What if He doesn't respond as we *think* He should? All that matters is that He displays His glory in the way *He desires*. The real test on Carmel wasn't going to be the fire. The real response they were looking for was rain... Fire was just the preliminary manifestation that day. If God had not first sent the fire Elijah asked for, then no one would have believed it was God who brought the prosperity of rain.

Some would say a need for proof is the antithesis of faith. James, the brother of Christ, reminded us that faith is displayed by works. While this definitely applies to our good deeds, it also goes beyond us. James touted the works we are enabled to do as perfection of our faith (James 2:22). The truth is that we as Christians are supposed to be living proof of who God is. Loving God and our neighbor is evidence that we are Christ followers. Yet, the farther away we go from moments of divine encounters, the less love, works and faith that will be pronounced in our lives.

Revival encounters of the past emptied out prisons, removed drunkenness, and changed both policy and perception on regional and sometimes national scales. The great awakenings of yesteryear were not just localized phenomenon, but became worldwide floods of God's supernatural presence that influenced entire continents! Still there are many who refuse to believe that God can do it again.

As Elijah did, so also we will let the world call upon their gods but we will call upon the name above all names! Let the world turn to its own creations... we will turn to the Creator! Let the One who spoke through the burning bush speak through us again! Let Him who led Israel with fire by night, lead His people once again! The creature cannot respond with supernatural fire... only the Creator can!

*And so, we pray:*

*Almighty Father, our nation may depend upon it's multiplicity of creations, but we rely upon You! You are all we need!*

*Jehovah Jireh, provide the fire! Jehovah Rapha let a healing fire fall! Jehovah Nissi, rally us behind the banner of Your fire and lead us into victory! Jehovah Tsidkenu, let Your righteous flame burn in our hearts again! Jehovah Shalom, let the warmth of Your flame eliminate our fears and soothe our hearts with Your peace!*

*Answer us again with Your fire we pray!  
In Jesus holy name! AMEN*