

1 Kings 18: Make an Admission, a Decision, and a Commitment
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1. Make an admission.

1 Kings 18:17-18

1 Kings 16:25-26

Ahab's comment that Elijah had caused the famine (18:17) sums up the lessons of the book of Kings. The people had to learn that it was not the prophets who had troubled the land. Rather, it was their _____ sins that had brought on the judgment of the Exile. (Matthew Henry)

The wicked always blame the believers for the trouble in the world; they never think to _____ their own sins. (Warren Wiersbe)

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Romans 3:23)

2. Make a decision.

1 Kings 18:21

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both _____ and money." (Matthew 6:24)

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to _____ you out of my mouth. (Revelation 3:15-16)

3. Make a commitment.

1 Kings 18:36-37

Elijah was a man with a nature like _____, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. (James 5:17-18)

What we do with God in _____ is far more important than what we do for God in public. Our hidden life prepares us for our public life. Unless we are willing to go through such disciplines as the dry brook, the depleted barrel, and the dead boy, we will never have the victories of Mt. Carmel. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31). (Warren Wiersbe)

Scripture reading this week...

Monday: 2 Chron. 3.1-5.1 (Psalm 55)

Wednesday: 2 Chron. 7 (Psalm 57)

Friday: 2 Chron. 9 (Psalm 59)

Sunday: 2 Chron. 13 (Psalm 61)

Tuesday: 2 Chron. 5.2-6.42 (Psalm 56)

Thursday: 2 Chron. 8 (Psalm 58)

Saturday: 2 Chron. 10-12 (Psalm 60)