

Morning Worship

July 23, 2017

Pastor — Allan Lane	Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel
Worship Leader — Tim Waters	Piano — Marcia Hart
As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.	
(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)	
Chorus # 457 <i>Lord, Be Glorified</i>	Tim/People
Worship Prayer	Allan Lane
Welcome and Fellowship	Allan/People
Lord's Grace Medley:	Tim/People
# 328 <i>Wonderful Grace of Jesus</i>	
# 329 <i>Grace Greater than Our Sin</i>	
# 330 <i>Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound</i>	
Offering Prayer	Fred Kerns
Tithes and Offerings	People
Offering Music	Marcia Hart
Solo	Sarah Waters
Scripture Reading 1 Kings 17 & 18	Allan/People
Message Revival Under Elijah	Allan Lane
Hymn # 309 <i>Lord, I'm Coming Home</i>	Tim/People
Prayer Concerns	Tim/People
Chorus # 571 <i>Let Others See Jesus in You</i>	Tim/People

Revival Under Elijah

1 Kings 17 & 18

Throughout the narrative in 1 Kings 18, there is a movement toward a revival that would attempt to turn Israel back to Jehovah. We examine the following keys to revival.

* Thoughts taken from ***The Revivals of the Bible***, by Ernest Baker, compiled in Cape Town, South Africa, April, 1906.

1. Confrontation . 1 Kings 18:21-29

Elijah's action shows us that one of the most important keys to having a real revival is confrontation. Confrontation is necessary because it forces a change of heart and mind. Revival moves us beyond a "live and let live" mentality and Elijah came along and began to stir things in the soul of Israel that really had been a long time coming.

Elijah confronted the error of the false prophets of Baal. We find ourselves living in a world that maintains that tolerance is to be exalted to such a radical degree that it removes every single voice that would attempt to go against the trends and morality stances of our times.

Elijah sets forth a great truth for the prophets of Baal, "I will call on the name of the Lord!" There are times that we have to examine things very carefully. The greatest reference point that we will ever find is that which is established in Scripture. The devil and his crowd operate on a system of lies. The only way to see through a lie is to examine the truth and then stand the truth up beside the lie. Deception follows

those who do not examine the lies of a false prophet. There was so much heartache that could have been prevented if Jacob would have examined Joseph's coat. He might have discovered that the story that his sons were telling him did not match the evidence on the coat.

Anything that exposes a lie will honor God and His Truth. We should thank God for the scrutiny the Truth brings to our lives. God is not honored when Truth is not honored.

Elijah allowed the prophets of Baal to go first. He was not afraid to allow their attack on the altar. Truth never needs a special privilege to prove it is valid. Error always needs special privileges like manipulation, cheating, and unfair advantages. Truth stands alone and needs none of these things at all. Elijah did not need a fake fire to deceive the people - his prayer life brought results.

2. Repair . 1 Kings 18:30-35

If one of the keys to revival is found with confrontation, then another key to revival comes with rebuilding. We find that after the false priests had been confronted and had literally destroyed the altar with their antics, Elijah determined he had to repair the altar. False religion and false profession is always destructive in the sense that it will break down the altar of God.

The great question that we all need to address is whether or not we have an altar to God in our life. What is the condition of that altar in my life? In the Old Testament we find Noah who built an altar after he came off the Ark. That altar was crucial because it was God's response to that sacrifice that made room for the rainbow (Gen. 8:20-9:29). When Noah left his altar, he planted a vineyard. His vineyard started getting more attention than his altar did and he got drunk from the excess of his vineyard. When he got drunk, he defiled himself in front of his grown sons and it caused a curse to come to Ham (Gen. 9:22). Altars need to have great priorities in our lives.

3. Prayer . 1 Kings 18:36-39

Elijah's prayer is very different from the prophets of Baal. It is a very short prayer of around 65 words or so. It is quiet, calm, collected, and confident. He did not need to cut himself, plead, jump, shout, or run. He simply was a man who was willing to pray.

Elijah's prayer had some things in it that we should put into our own prayers. He glorified God. He testified to being God's servant. He claimed obedience simply to what God's Word would do. And He prayed for revival when he asked God to act in order for the people to be reminded that Yahweh is God and to turn their hearts back to Him.

Elijah prayed for revival. He never prayed for fire. And He did not pray for rain. Far too often the prayers of the church are backward. We want rain first and then revival. But one of the greatest lessons to learn is that physical, social, and material needs are not the real needs of the church. Our greatest need is a God-sent, Heaven-breathed revival.

4. Exhalation . 1 Kings 18:39-40

When the fire fell from heaven, the people fell on their faces. They acknowledged the Lord, he is the God. The Lord, he is the God. When you literally see the manifested power of God to break out in a place you cannot help but to begin to worship the Lord with every fiber of your being. This Jehovah had shown himself to be powerful among the nation.

Historians say Mount Carmel was like a home field for the prophets of Baal. They had offered sacrifices there before and they never expected this kind of victorious

outcome to happen where they were comfortable being. So much for home field advantage. In fact in some of the historical annals of the Assyrian king, Shalmanessar III (841 B.C.), Mount Carmel is called 'the mountain of Baal.'

But even more than the worship that poured out of these people, there was something else very powerful that took place. Elijah was outnumbered until God rained fire down from heaven. In that moment of victory, that prophet urged the children of Israel to destroy the imitators in this mountain. Here is something worth remembering: What we want to survive reveals the whole allegiance of our heart. These prophets of Baal are responsible for Israel's backsliding, for the famine in the land, and for thousands of those who died during the famine. It would have been a great crime not to deal with them urgently and violently.

There are enemies of the soul and the church that have to be dealt with what some might think are extreme measures but the literal existence of spiritual life and energy depend on dealing with these treacherous prophets. When revival finally does breakthrough, you enjoy the presence of the Lord but you are not removed from the responsibility to do your work.

Conclusion:

Every revival has its blessings that are on the way. There will be an amazing foot race to Jezreel, the rain will finally come and there will be another prophet waiting in the wings to be anointed. But hell will be stirred up as well and Elijah will learn some of the most severe lessons of his life but God will still be in charge when all the dust settles. Elijah was driven with a passion that his apostate nation would return to God. The contest on Mount Carmel provides a biblical model for revival both for us and for our nation.

I believe the great need of this hour is for men and women who will rebuild the altar.

The altar is the meeting place with God. It's where we climb Mount Moriah and give our Isaacs up to God. It is a place of sacrifice (death to self). It is a place of consecration.

It's the place where we wrestle with God for a changed life. It's the place where Jacob the deceiver, the liar, and the usurper dies and Israel the prince with power is born.

Elijah took 12 stones (for the 12 tribes). He rebuilt the altar. He knew that if he could bring Israel back to the altar, and the altar back to Israel, that he would bring Israel back to God.

The only hope for America today is to come back to the altar. There's no president, no politician, no legislation that can turn this country around. The only hope for change in America is God. We need God back in the home, God back in the schoolhouse, God back in the White House, God back in the church house. If we can get America back to the altar, we can get America back to God. Malachi 3:7 tells us God says "Return unto me, (and I will return unto you) says the Lord of hosts."

Our Real Problem Is Broken Altars!

Do Not Hinder the Children!

Here is the situation. Jesus was a very busy person. He preached and the crowds were always pressing Him for personal attention. There was speculation that He was the long awaited Messiah who would deliver the Jews from Roman oppression. They had seen Jesus touch people and make them whole. Because of this parents were bringing their young children to Jesus to have Him bless them. Yet His disciples rebuked them for doing so; Jesus had no time for toddlers. He used the situation to teach the disciples and us what it means to

enter the kingdom. In Luke 18:14 Jesus said, "For the kingdom belongs to those who are humble and lowly and needy." From this passage we see that followers of Christ should remove all hindrances that keep children from coming to Jesus.

The First Hindrance: Neglecting our Mission

There are children and youth in our neighborhoods that have never been told about Jesus. Their parents do not see the need to put them in a place where they can hear. There are two ways to remove this kind of hindrance. We can reach out to those even if their parents don't want anything to do with Jesus. But it is far better for them and their parents if we reach out to everyone in the family. If the unbelief of parents is the chief hindrance to the children, then the best way to remove the hindrance is to point these parents to Christ.

The Second Hindrance: The Lack of Bible Knowledge

A great hindrance to the salvation and the growth of our children is the weakness of our own grasp of the full range of Biblical truth. The best way to remove this hindrance is to get excited about the joy of knowing God and growing in our understanding of His character and ways. We need to develop our own study of the Bible and train others in the truths of Scripture and how to share them with others.

The Third Hindrance: Lack of Planning by Parents

Children grow up so fast that before you know it they will be gone. If your family schedule is too busy then your children are in spiritual danger. The way to remove this hindrance is to cultivate a culture in which parents do not neglect their duty thinking that it is the responsibility of the church to teach those things.

The Fourth Hindrance: Assuming They Are Believers

Involvement in church activities does not equal new birth. A child can go through the steps and not have saving faith and repentance. The only evidence of new birth is a spiritual heart transplant that leads to a love for God and change in behavior.

The Fifth Hindrance: A Lack of Good Modeling

Our actions and lifestyle exposes the affections of our hearts and says more about what we value than what we tell our children. You can tell your children all day long that God is the single most important thing in life but when we let school, sports, toys, entertainment, etc., interfere we are really showing what we believe is important. Your children will grow up to imitate you by the way you live rather than what you teach them.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, July 23, 2017

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ? , Ken Nice, Fred Kerns, Don Sharp

Alternate: Isaac Waters

Diversicare 2:30 pm

VBS Begins 6:30 pm

Monday, July 24

VBS 6:30 pm

Tuesday, July 25

VBS 6:30 pm

Wednesday, July 26

VBS 6:30 pm

Thursday, July 27

VBS 6:30 pm **Sunday, July 30, 2017**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: John Lewis, Joseph Coats, Gary Yarbrough, Isaac Waters

Alternate: Larry McKahan

Evening Worship 6:30 pm

Monday, July 31

Sunday School Workers 6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 2

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm

Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, July 20

O Team.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

July 23 — Diversicare 2:30 pm

July 23-27 — Vacation Bible School — 6:30 - 8:30 pm

July 31 — Sunday School Workers Meeting, 6:30 pm

August 2 — Church-wide Prayer Meeting, 6:30 pm

August 4 — 6 Bro. Allan in Revival at First Baptist Church, Winston, MO

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** Everyone make a contact! Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Night

Tonight we will not have our study due to the beginning of VBS. Next Sunday, July 30th, we will conclude the *Why I Believe* study with Chip Ingram. These last two sessions are entitled *Why I Believe in the God of the Bible*.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

Last week we gathered to pray for the direction of our church. Even though we will

be in VBS this week, church members are encouraged to come and observe VBS and pray this week. Hope to see you this week at 6:30 pm!

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS MEETING

Monday, July 31, 6:30 pm

We haven't been meeting regularly over the past several months. Let's get together and pray about the direction of our Sunday School and reaching others for Bible Study.

Vacation Bible School

Begins Tonight!

Times will be from 6:30-8:30 pm. Ellen still needs helpers! If you are willing to serve please let her know. You will be blessed through this ministry.

Call the church office if you know someone who needs a ride.

Men's Retreat

August 19

8 am to 3 pm

Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church

Tickets will be made available soon. Have you made plans to attend? Have you invited someone to go with you?

Diversicare Nursing Home

Today at 2:30 pm

Please join us as we

minister to those who can no longer attend their own churches.

For the Record-

Attendance: July 16, 2017

Sunday School.....	37
Visitors.....	0
Total.....	37
Contacts Made.....	0
Morning Worship.....	59
Children's Worship.....	N/A
Sunday Night	N/A
Wednesday Night	17

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget \$ 2,040.52
Offering Received ... \$ 965.16

Offering Received by Mail:

Eric and Shelley Thompson

July Counting Team:

Fred Kerns and Jordan Lane

July Van Driver:

George Burgess
Call 232-3747 before 8 am

July Member Birthdays:

02... Mary Sharp
05... Kathryn Beavers
15... Bill Schottel
17... Betty Anslinger
20... Dorothy Post
23... Flora McKahan
24... Allan Lane
26... Jack Conard
26... Annette Schottel
30... Bill Haskins

July Anniversaries

Don and Mary Sharp
July 3, 1970

Gary and Sharon Yarbrough
July 8, 1978

Don and Marcia Hart
July 15, 1973

Larry and Flora McKahan
July 29, 1966

Prayer Requests ...

Susan King—brain cancer surgery
Sharon Yarbrough
Mike Green—knee replacement
Larry Danner—cancer
Jo and Elmer Mayse
Emily & Riley Jones, Tammy Panning
Gina Harr—recovery (and Randy)
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Pat Means—Mary Sharp's Sister
Bill Clinton—Don and Mae's son
Stephanie and Jason Terpack
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Don and Marcia —Don's Health
Troy Griswold—cancer treatment
Gary & Peggy Fewins and family
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery

Karissa and Matt Long and family
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter
LoLeta Middleton—strength
Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law
Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris
Richardson's sisters
Rev. A. B. Brown Betty Campbell
George Ferbert
Ellen Blanton Lois Ulmer
Jim Winans Nellie Reynolds
Madeline Swink Ann Riddle
Kathryn Beavers Keon McKahan
Louanne Laurence Leona Reynolds
Jozy Winans Kenny Duty
Kevin Duty Buddy Means
Bill & Juanita Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett Judy Anderson
Brenda Burgess Roscoe Lane
Carolyn Houts Tim Izer
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people
Today's Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
