

I. The courage of Elijah (v. 16-19)

- A. Elijah confronted King Ahab for his idolatry

*picture of ruins of Megiddo

*picture of altar at Megiddo

- B. Elijah told King Ahab to summon the people

II. The challenge of Elijah (v. 20-24)

*Picture of Mt. Carmel

*Picture of view from Mt. Carmel

- A. Elijah challenged the people to get off the fence

“But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.” (Joshua 24:15)

- B. Elijah challenged the people to follow the true God

- C. Elijah was not afraid to stand alone

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

- D. Elijah proposes a test to reveal the true God

III. The confidence of Elijah (v. 25-29)

- A. He listened as the prophets called on their false god

- B. He mocked the false prophets and their false god

- C. He saw the people lose interest

IV. The faith of Elijah (v. 30-38)

- A. Elijah called the people to see the power of God

- B. Elijah repaired the altar and prepared the sacrifice

- C. Elijah poured water on everything making it impossible to burn

- D. Elijah prayed a prayer of faith

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” (Matthew 11:24)

E. Elijah saw God answer with fire

V. The response of the people (v. 39-40)

A. They saw the power of God

“Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.” (Psalm 77:13-14)

B. They humbled themselves before God

“Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him.” (Psalm 33:8)

C. They confessed that the Lord was God

D. They repented of their sin