

# Biblical Answers Week 10

## Dealing with Indecisions

### 1 Kings 18:16-24

I Kings 18:16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. 17 When he saw Elijah, he said to him, "Is that you, you troubler of Israel?" 18 "I have not made trouble for Israel," Elijah replied. "But you and your father's family have. You have abandoned the LORD's commands and have followed the Baals. 19 Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table." 20 So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. 21 Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing. 22 Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the LORD's prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. 23 Get two bulls for us. Let them choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. 24 Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire-he is God."

- Being \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ allows these temptations to begin to turn to sin.
- We have two choices concerning temptation: either we give into \_\_\_\_\_ or we give into the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ lead to moral, political and economic crisis.
- We live a double-minded life concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ and the Word of God.
- Today many Christians have lost the ability or \_\_\_\_\_ to make righteous decisions.

#### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative

##### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- There has to be a \_\_\_\_\_ on who is going to own our minds and hearts.
- God shows Himself through:

- Revelation

Jer 2:11 Has a nation ever changed its gods? (Yet they are not gods at all.) But my people have exchanged their Glory for worthless idols. 12 Be appalled at this, O heavens, and shudder with great horror," declares the LORD.13 "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

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- His \_\_\_\_\_ for the believer will be revealed and accomplished by the power of God living in and through us.

2. The Evidence of the \_\_\_\_\_ god.

- Baal is the god of man's \_\_\_\_\_.
- Baal is the picture of \_\_\_\_\_ worship.
- Baal is the god of convenience, compromise and \_\_\_\_\_
- Baal is alive today, and he reigns wherever God has been \_\_\_\_\_ in human life.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ is to draw near in intimate fellowship and communion with the living, eternal, almighty God.

II. The Divine Prerogative of \_\_\_\_\_

- Jesus gives up all that \_\_\_\_\_, so that we can be all He is.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ vessel is an open vessel.

III. The Divine Prerogative of \_\_\_\_\_

- No one watched the fire fall that day without being convinced of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- The justice of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God are real and sure.

IV. The Divine Prerogative of \_\_\_\_\_

Why do we continue to make choices apart from God?

- Maybe we have not yet \_\_\_\_\_ to give all our hearts to God.
- Maybe we just don't \_\_\_\_\_ God cares about every decision we make in life.
- direct us.

Starting with \_\_\_\_\_ repentance is the first step.

**Faith:** Conviction and \_\_\_\_\_ respecting man's relation to God and to divine things.

**Hope:** Joyful and confident \_\_\_\_\_ of eternal salvation.

**Love:** True \_\_\_\_\_ for God and man growing out of God's love for and in us.