

Elijah and the Prophets of Baal
1 Kings 18:1-39
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As this contest plays out, there are several principles and lessons we can learn that are just as true today as they were back in the days of Elijah:

The first principle is this: There will always be more false _____ in the world than _____ of truth.

"I am the only prophet of the LORD who is left, but Baal has 450 prophets" (vs. 22 NLT).

So the lesson we need to learn from this principle is this: Stand up for what's _____, even if you're standing alone!

The next principle we discover in Elijah's story is: Just because something is _____ doesn't mean it is _____!

After a couple hours had gone by, around noon, Elijah started mocking the prophets of Baal, saying, "Call a little louder—he is a god, after all. Maybe he's off meditating somewhere or other, or maybe he's gotten involved in a project, or maybe he's on vacation. You don't suppose he's overslept, do you, and needs to be waked up?" (vs. 27 MSG).

"So," Bible says, "they shouted louder, and following their normal custom, they cut themselves with knives and swords until the blood gushed out. They raved all afternoon until the time of the evening sacrifice, but still there was no sound, no reply, no response" (vs. 28-29 NLT).

The lesson we learn from this second principle is this: _____ opinion is the only opinion that matters!

The third principle we uncover during Elijah's contest with the prophets of Baal is: There is just one _____ and there is _____ he cannot do!

"Then Yahweh's fire fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. When all the people saw it, they fell facedown and said, "Yahweh, He is God! Yahweh, He is God!" (vs. 38-39 NLT).

The lesson we learn from this principle is: by trusting in God, we can _____ any challenge!