

52 Prayers from the Bible

Study #22
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A Prayer for God to Show Himself Mighty

Read the context passage: 1 Kings 18:36-37

³⁶ At the time for offering the [evening] sacrifice, Elijah the prophet approached [the altar] and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, today let it be known that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that at Your word I have done all these things. ³⁷ Answer me, LORD! Answer me so that this people will know that You, Yahweh, are God and that You have turned their hearts back."

³⁸ 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. ³⁹ When all the people saw it, they fell facedown and said, "Yahweh, He is God! Yahweh, He is God!" (1 Kings 18:36-39)

1. What is happening nationally in the story?
2. What is the nature of the contest?
3. Why is the contest important?
4. How did Elijah know what to do in setting it up?
5. What did Elijah ask God for?
6. How can this story inform our prayers today?