

# IF THE LORD IS GOD...

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I KINGS 18:16-40  
MATTHEW 19:16-22

**"If the LORD is God . . . Part II" – March 2024**

Thoughts to Ponder

**Please read the text for this sermon: I Kings 18:16-40.**

1. The people of Israel gathered before Elijah on the slopes of Mt. Carmel three thousand years ago were putting their trust in the false gods of this world instead of the Lord God Almighty who created this world . . . knowingly or unknowingly, many folks these days are doing the same thing.
  - a. Have you ever professed to follow the Lord God Almighty on Sundays and in reality followed different gods during the week? Please explain.
  - b. Is that still your practice: sometimes? Always? Never?

"How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." (I Kings 18:21 ESV)

2. Many of us waver and delay because we are lulled into a false feeling of comfort by our good intentions.
  - a. Please give a painful example of something you intended to do but never did and explain why it's painful.
  - b. "To know what is right and not do it is the worst cowardice of all." Explain what this statement by Confucius means to you and give an example.

3. Many of us hesitate to make the commitments that lead us to act because we are prone to procrastinate.
  - a. Why should we live each day as if it were our last?
  - b. "For all sad words of tongue and pen, the saddest are these, 'It might have been.'" Explain what this statement by John Greenleaf Whittier means to you and give an example.
  
4. Many of us "go limping between two different opinions" because we are afraid of looking foolish.
  - a. Have you ever let your fear of making a wrong decision paralyze you into inaction? Please give an example.
  - b. What are your two greatest fears and why?

