



Your Power or God's Power

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The Realty for All of Us Is:

- The opposition is _____

When Ahab saw him, he exclaimed, "So, is it really you, you troublemaker of Israel?"

1 Kings 18:17 (NLT)

- A showdown is _____

"I have made no trouble for Israel," Elijah replied.

"You and your family are the troublemakers, for you have refused to obey the commands of the LORD and have worshiped the images of Baal instead."

1 Kings 18:18 (NLT)

- The odds are _____

"Now summon all Israel to join me at Mount Carmel, along with the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah who are supported by Jezebel."

1 Kings 18:19 (NLT)

The Question for Each of us Is:

Whose _____ will you depend upon to face these realities?

Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two

opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!" But the people were completely silent.
1 Kings 18:21 (NLT)

If It is In Your Power

- The resources are _____

Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only prophet of the LORD who is left, but Baal has 450 prophets.

1 Kings 18:22 (NLT)

- The view is _____

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, and my ways are not your ways," declares the LORD. "Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts."
Isaiah 55:8-9 (GW)

- The outcome is _____

If the LORD does not build the house, the work of the builders is useless; if the LORD does not protect the city, it does no good for the sentries to stand guard.

Psalms 127:1 (TEV)

If It Is God's Power Then We Will

- Believe in His _____

Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only prophet of the LORD who is left, but Baal has 450 prophets. Now bring two bulls. The prophets of Baal may choose whichever one they wish and cut it into pieces and lay it on the wood of their altar, but without setting fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood

on the altar, but not set fire to it. Then call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by setting fire to the wood is the true God!" And all the people agreed.
1 Kings 18:22-24 (NLT)

Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.
Ephesians 3:20 (TLB)

- Act with His _____

Then Elijah called to the people, "Come over here!" They all crowded around him as he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been torn down. He took twelve stones, one to represent each of the tribes of Israel, and he used the stones to rebuild the altar in the name of the LORD. Then he dug a trench around the altar large enough to hold about three gallons. He piled wood on the altar, cut the bull into pieces, and laid the pieces on the wood. Then he said, "Fill four large jars with water, and pour the water over the offering and the wood." After they had done this, he said, "Do the same thing again!" And when they were finished, he said, "Now do it a third time!" So they did as he said, and the water ran around the altar and even filled the trench.
1 Kings 18:30-35 (NLT)

For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive

words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.
1 Corinthians 2:2-5 (NASB)

- Declare His _____

At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command. O LORD, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself."
1 Kings 18:36-37 (NLT)

- See the _____

Immediately the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench! And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, "The LORD—he is God! Yes, the LORD is God!"
1 Kings 18:38-39 (NLT)

My Next Step Today Is To:

- Choose to follow Christ so that I can experience forgiveness and live by God's power.
- Stop wavering between God's way and my way, as I fully commit my life to Christ.
- Trust in God's power to work in and through me by committing to sign The Resolution.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Ephesians 3:20