

'Fence Riders' 1Kings 18

We can _____ our world for God.

God wants His people to how much _____ for others in Jesus' name.

"When Ahab saw him, he exclaimed, 'So, is it really you, you troublemaker of Israel?' 'I have not made 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 worshipped the images of Baal instead. 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.'" v. 17-19

Christians with their views, ethics, and morals are seen as _____.

"This is what the Lord said to me... 'They have built pagan shrines to Baal, and there they burn their sons as sacrifices to Baal.'" Jeremiah 19:1, 5; "They sacrificed their sons and daughters at the altars of demon gods. They slit the throats of their babies, murdered their infant girls and boys. They offered their babies to Canaan's gods; the blood of their babies stained the land. Their way of life reeked; they lived like prostitutes. And God was furious" Psalm 106:37-40

Prostitution and pornography _____ people, marriages, relationships, careers.

"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.'" v. 21; "At noon, Elijah began making fun of them. 'Pray louder!' he said. 'Baal must be a god. Maybe he's daydreaming or using the toilet or traveling somewhere. Or maybe he's asleep, and you have to wake him up.'" The prophets kept shouting louder and louder, and they cut themselves with swords and knives until they were bleeding. They raved all afternoon until the time of the evening sacrifice, but still there was no sound, no reply, no response." v. 27-28

Answered prayer doesn't depend on what you do or say but on ___ you are praying to.

"Then Elijah said to the people, 'Come closer to me,' and they all gathered around him. He set about repairing the altar of the Lord which had been torn down... He dug a trench around it, large enough to hold about four gallons of water... He said, 'Fill four jars with water and pour it on the offering and the wood.'" They did so, and he said, "Do it again" — and they did. "Do it once more," he said — and they did. The water ran down around the altar and filled the trench." v. 30-35; "At the hour of the afternoon sacrifice the prophet Elijah approached the altar and prayed, 'O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove now that you are the God of Israel and that I am your servant and have done all this at your command. Answer me, Lord, answer me, so that this people will know that you, the Lord, are God and that you are bringing them back to yourself.'" "The Lord sent fire down, and it burned up the sacrifice, the wood, and the stones, scorched the earth and dried up the water in the trench. When the people saw this, they threw themselves on the ground and exclaimed, 'The Lord is God; the Lord alone is God!'" v. 36-39

1. Time to _____

The time is now for you to _____ for Jesus.

2. Try _____

3. Trust the _____ that God is true

The evidence shows that _____ is the true God.