

Introduction

1. The great test! By fire!
2. The background to these things
3. Miracles in God's Word

1. FALSE RELIGION ALWAYS LETS YOU DOWN

- 1) The false prophets – a great number
- 2) The great challenge: v.21
- 3) The test must come sooner or later
- 4) Here it is: trial by fire!
- 5) The pathetic failure of Baal
- 6) The panic of his worshippers
APPLICATION: No folly so great as that of having a false god!

2. IN EVIL DAYS THE GODLY WILL BE LONELY

- 1) Elijah's words to the people: v.21
- 2) Sincerity of this good man's life
- 3) His boldness is exemplary: v,18
- 4) The challenge: wisely done
- 5) It is never reckless to trust God
- 6) Elijah's sarcasm: It was justified

- 7) So too: Evolution / Atheism...
- 8) The test of religion comes at the end
- 9) Pity those who are wrong!
- 10) Everything is at stake
APPLICATION: Your soul is at stake

3. GREAT IS GOD'S TRUTH AND IT WILL PREVAIL

- 1) The breath-taking preparations
- 2) The water poured – why?
- 3) The altar of God prepared
- 4) God's altar:
 - (i) in home
 - (ii) in state
- 5) The prayer to the true God: v.37
- 6) The fire that fell!
- 7) The cry of the spectators: v.39
APPLICATION: What victory God's people will have at last.

CONCLUSION

1. Picture the Judgement Day
2. Those who are wrong
3. And those who are right.

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