

If the Lord is God,  
then follow Him!<sup>1</sup>



Faith-filled Models from  
the Old Testament:  
**Elijah,  
the Prophet**

Elijah was a prophet of God during the 9th century BC, when Israel was led by a wicked ruler, King Ahab, who worshipped the false god, Baal. God used Elijah to demonstrate to the people of Israel that He was the one true God who they could fully trust for their well-being.


The Bible has record of many miracles performed by God through Elijah. One of these miracles occurred when Elijah called down fire from God to burn a sacrifice of ox meat.

Elijah challenged the priests of Baal, to call down fire from Baal. The priests sang and chanted for many hours, trying to coax their false god into sending a fire to burn the sacrifice, but they failed.



Try praying louder,  
maybe Baal is sleeping!

<sup>1</sup> 1 Kings 18:21 KJV

A colorful illustration of the biblical story of Elijah. In the center, a large stone altar is engulfed in bright orange and yellow flames. To the left, a man with a long white beard and a yellow tunic, identified as Elijah, stands with his arms raised, holding a wooden staff. A speech bubble above him contains the text: "O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, prove today that you are the God of Israel.<sup>2</sup>". To the right of the altar, a group of people are shown in various states of awe and worship. Some are kneeling on the ground, while others stand with their hands raised. A speech bubble from one of the kneeling figures says: "The Lord is God!<sup>3</sup>". The background is a simple, warm-toned landscape.

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Next it was Elijah's turn. He built an altar, put wood on top of the altar, and next placed the ox meat on the wood. He then had a large amount of water poured over and around the altar.

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<sup>2</sup> 1 Kings 18:36 TLB

<sup>3</sup> 1 Kings 18:39, *paraphrased*



Another of the miracles recorded took place towards the end of Elijah's time on earth, when he prayed for God to bring a boy back to life (1 Kings 17:17–24). The boy was the son of the widow, and you can read this amazing miracle in 1 Kings 17:9–16 or in the retelling of the story in "Make Me a Cake."

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