# Are We Prophets Of Baal?

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## INTRODUCTION

- But this worship was no good because their God was no God.
- How long will you go limping between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him. But if Baal then follow him.
- How did they get there? And how can that be us today? Do we ever make the same mistakes in our lives?

## 1 Why Do We Worship God?

**Psalm 29:1–4; Psalm 96:1–6; Psalm 100:1–5**

- What is our worship really all about? Is it for personal enjoyment?
- It's all about what do I get? How does it make me feel?
- But the question we have to ask ourselves is anyone paying attention? Does anyone answer?
- For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. He is to be feared above all gods.
- Know that the Lord, He is God.
- Or is it because we need to praise God because He deserves it? Because we are amazed by His power?

## 2 Who Do We Worship?

- But what are our gods today but ourselves? Our entertainment, our recreation, our job, our money, whatever.
- The mantra of today is God just wants me to be happy. That is simply an excuse to worship self instead of God.
- The error in that logic is that if you're not obeying God and keeping his commandments, that means we don't love God.
- We may say that we worship Jehovah, but in the end, I think all too often he is little more than an idol made in our own image.
- Baal didn't listen to his prophets because he was not a God. So who are we calling to? The one true God, Jehovah, listened to Elijah because he is God.
- If we draw near to him, he will draw near to us. He is there.

## 3 How Do We Worship?

**John 4:24**

- Do we worship him with our lives? It is so much more than just about what we do when we gather together in this room.
- People ought to see the transformation in our lives and respond by saying, The Lord, He is God.

- Do we worship him as he has commanded us to worship? Do we worship in spirit or in vain?
- It is about God, and only God. It will never be about me.
- Don't worship in vain. By our own methods and interpretations. But by the word of God and our every action in this room and outside of it.
- The prophets of Baal put on a big show, but for what? It was all for naught.

THE CHALLENGE

Do not be a prophet of Baal in your spiritual life. Who is your God tonight? Who do you worship? How do you worship? Our admonishment to you this evening is that you would worship Jehovah God with your life today.

MY NOTES