

## Lesson X. ELIJAH AND THE PROPHETS OF BAAL September 5, 1915

1 Kings 18 : 30-39. Study 1 Kings 18 : 16-40—Memory Verses, 36, 37.

**Golden Text**—The Lord is far from the wicked : but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.—Proverbs 15 : 29.

A'braham, I'saac, and of Is'rael, let it be known this day that thou *art* God in Is'rael, and *that* I am thy servant, and *that* I have done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces : and they said, The LORD, he *is* the God ; the LORD, he *is* the God.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The people of Israel were hungry. God had sent no rain because they had forgotten Him. So the green things would not grow and there was little to eat.

King Ahab blamed all this on Elijah, and was very angry with him. At last the Lord told Elijah to go and meet Ahab again. When the two met, Elijah told the king to bring the four hundred prophets of Baal, the false god worshiped by many in Israel, before a gathering of all the people on Mount Carmel. Now Mount Carmel was a high mountain looking out upon the Mediterranean Sea. The prophets of Baal would offer a sacrifice upon an altar and pray to their god ; and Elijah would offer a sacrifice and pray to the true God. Whichever should answer by sending down fire from heaven should be worshiped and honored by all the people.

30 And Eli'jah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down.

31 And Eli'jah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Ja'cob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Is'rael shall be thy name :

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD : and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar ; and he filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Eli'jah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of

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