

**The Gathering at Mt Carmel
(1Kings 18:19-24)**

I. The Man & His Mission (chp 17)

II. The Drought Comes To An End (18:1-16)

III. The Challenge To King Ahab by Elijah (18:17-18)

IV. The Gathering at Mt. Carmel (18:19-24)

D. Elijah _____ for _____ on Mt Carmel (18:19-20)

4. Taking a stand for truth & facing a majority of _____ can be a daunting task, unless we realize that we are never really alone when we stand _____! (Cf 18:15 & 2 Kings 6:15-17)
5. At the confrontation with Ahab, Elijah summoned the _____ to Mt Carmel for a _____! (18:19)
 - Who are the contenders? (18:19)
 - An important truth to remember... When we stand for God's truth, we stand in the sovereign _____ of the God of the universe & _____ & His _____! (Hebrews 13:5-6)
 - What do we need to know about Mt Carmel?
6. Amazingly we see...Ahab's willing _____ to what was asked (18:20)

E. Elijah's Challenge For A _____ by the People (18:21)

1. The challenge question... "How long will you _____ between two opinions?"
"falter" (pacach) =
2. One of the key issues in any day is that of _____ or _____!
3. Indecision leaves us spiritually and morally _____ and _____ in all our ways!

4. With the summons to Mt Carmel, Ahab & the people of Israel probably thought Elijah would _____ & God would send the _____ & the crisis drought would be _____!
- What was defective with this thinking?
 - Looking at 1 King 18:21 in 4 parts: a) the **problem**, b) the **question**, c) the **issue**, and d) the **silence**
 - a. The **problem...** is that they “_____ *between two opinions*”... Do we do this?
 - How does this work in life?
 - Scripture and a true grasp of Who the Lord is, demands our full _____ & _____!
 - b. The **question** asks ... “*How*_____”... will this_____?
 - c. The **issue** ... is set forth with two “_____” in this verse.
 - d. The **silence** – when faced with the _____ a spoken by Elijah, the people who were “mugwumps” in Israel were_____.
 - What can we gather from all this?

C. The Showdown On Mt Carmel (18:22-ff) ... Sunday!