## **Know Your God**

## <u>1 Kings 18:24/26-29</u>

You know the story how that the prophets of Baal and Elijah began to duel to see whose God was God. You find that they were by the end of the day utterly discouraged and utterly tormented by the self-inflicted wounds that their god had allowed them to have.

Elijah mocked them and made fun because he knew that their god was only in their minds but the "God of Elijah" was in his heart. Then we find the conclusion of the matter by the answer of the living God of Elijah by fire.

You know I thought how sad it would be to believe in something with all of your heart and it not even be real. Sadly enough this is the case so many times in life. People are deceived by the work of the Devil into believing that they can depend on the gods of their lives.

I am talking about drugs, alcohol, sex and pornography, money and greed, pleasures of life etc... they are the saviors and the gods in so many peoples' lives, but at the end of its course they are left in pain and embarrassment because the thing that they praised and loved so much simply wasn't real enough to last. It wasn't real enough to save them in their worst case scenario.

They are left holding the bag of guilt, misery, and pain, regret, etc...

I want to tell you today church you better know your God!

- Let me tell you about my God!
- My God is Omnipotent= *Psalm135: 5-7/13/15-18* (gods can't even perform human functions let alone the super human)

• The world will never have what it takes or have what you need when it counts!

God is able to over come any of your adversities.

My God is Omniscience= Psalm 147:5 says," his understanding is infinite Says, " he sees every sparrow that falls and he knows the hairs upon your head"

God understands your pain and hurt.

My God is Omnipresent= Psalm 139: 7-13.

Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool.

God is your comforter in hard times.

God is a very present help in a time of trouble.

Need to get a Revelation of whom you are serving.

----- Illus. of man ignorant of Jesus' Deity ------

Phillip= been so long with me and still don't know me?

Always looking for the spiritual when it is right before your eyes.

- Ouija boards
- Horoscopes
- Evangelist (revival in a briefcase)

• Some Prophet (TV Evangelist)

Thomas= touch my side and see if I have the wounds.

Made himself vulnerable to feel him. Touch him in prayer and word.

You must first believe He Is!

*I Cor. 2:8 says, For none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.* 

This world does not no their God! They do not know of the hope or joy, and they do not know the wrath of the only True God.

*Rom.* 1:20 says, For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and God head; so that they are without excuse.

We know truth and who he is we're without excuse.

No excuse not to have the victory; for we know the problem solver.

No excuse not to leave this place tonight without something fresh.

When Moses discovered God's greatness, he took off his shoes.

Isaiah said, "Woe is me I am undone for I am a man of unclean lips who dwells among those of unclean lips."

John fell as a dead man.

How do you feel about your God? Do you know your God?