



# DESTROYING IDOLS



**Idolatry is desiring something else more than Jesus.**





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**Fear coupled with a little self-gratification causes us to believe the lie that draws us to an Idol.**





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## Big Idea:

**Sometimes in order for God to draw us back to himself,  
he lets our idols fail us.**





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## **Identifying Idols:**

- 1. Where do I desire to go first when I am in need?**
- 2. Where do I sacrifice the most?**
- 3. Where do I give my best?**
- 4. What makes me angry when I don't get it or jealous when others do?**
- 5. What do I think about and talk about the most?**
- 6. What/Who am I becoming like?**
- 7. What is the one thing that I cannot let go of?**





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## 1 Kings 18:1-2 (NLT)

**Later on, in the third year of the drought, the Lord said to Elijah, “Go and present yourself to King Ahab. Tell him that I will soon send rain!” So Elijah went to appear before Ahab.**

**Meanwhile, the famine had become very severe in Samaria.**





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**1 Kings 18:17 (NLT)**

**When Ahab saw him, he exclaimed, “So, is it really you, you troublemaker of Israel?”**





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## 1 Kings 18:18 (NLT)

**“I have made no trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “You and your family are the troublemakers, for you have refused to obey the commands of the Lord and have worshiped the images of Baal instead.**





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**1 Kings 18:19 (NLT)**

**Now summon all Israel to join me at Mount Carmel, along with the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah who are supported by Jezebel.”**





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## 1 Kings 18:20-21 (NLT)

**So Ahab summoned all the people of Israel and the prophets to Mount Carmel. Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, “How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!” But the people were completely silent.**





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James 1:8 (ESV)

**he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.**





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## 1 Kings 18:26-29 (NLT)

**So they prepared one of the bulls and placed it on the altar. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning until noontime, shouting, “O Baal, answer us!” But there was no reply of any kind. Then they danced, hobbling around the altar they had made.**

**About noontime Elijah began mocking them. “You’ll have to shout louder,” he scoffed, “for surely he is a god! Perhaps he is daydreaming, or is relieving himself. Or maybe he is away on a trip, or is asleep and needs to be wakened!”**



**So they shouted louder, and following their normal custom, they cut themselves with knives and swords until the blood gushed out. They raved all afternoon until the time of the evening sacrifice, but still there was no sound, no reply, no response.**





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## 1 Kings 18:30-37 (NLT)

**Then Elijah called to the people, “Come over here!” They all crowded around him as he repaired the altar of the Lord that had been torn down. He took twelve stones, one to represent each of the tribes of Israel, and he used the stones to rebuild the altar in the name of the Lord. Then he dug a trench around the altar large enough to hold about three gallons.**



**He piled wood on the altar, cut the bull into pieces, and laid the pieces on the wood.**

**Then he said, "Fill four large jars with water, and pour the water over the offering and the wood."**

**After they had done this, he said, "Do the same thing again!" And when they were finished, he said, "Now do it a third time!" So they did as he said, and the water ran around the altar and even filled the trench.**



**At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, “O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command. O Lord, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.”**





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## 1 Kings 18:38-39 (NLT)

**Immediately the fire of the Lord flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench! And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, “The Lord—he is God! Yes, the Lord is God!”**





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**1 Kings 18:40 (NLT)**

**Then Elijah commanded, “Seize all the prophets of Baal. Don’t let a single one escape!” So the people seized them all, and Elijah took them down to the Kishon Valley and killed them there.**



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