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Theme: In a world where people worship all kinds of gods, we declare that the LORD, He alone is the true God.

A. The Choice - the LORD or idols

- The people of Israel were torn between serving the Living God called YHWH and serving this new god called Baal.
- If the Lord is God then follow Him ... BUT if you want to make materialism or pleasure your god, then follow that, but quit playing both ends.
- Jesus said, "*No one can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other.*" (Matthew 6:24)

A. The Challenge – the true God or the false

- Elijah offered Israel a challenge -- let's see whose God is real; the God who answered by fire. AND THEY SAW!
- The idols we build are: idols of pleasure, worldly riches, fame and popularity; and we offer our lives to these idols hoping they will give us life, make us feel good, give us happiness and peace.
- Where have these gods really taken you? Are they delivering what they promised? Do you really feel better? Are you really happier?

A. The Consequence – life or death

- Elijah executed all the false prophets. God is a jealous God. He deals severely with sin.
- Divided allegiance is the same as idolatry; he will not share our affection with anyone or anything -- he will allow no rivals.
- *"Many in that day will say, Lord, Lord -- but he will say depart from me I never knew you."* Yes, the consequences are severe: eternal separation from God – hell.