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All Scripture is from the King James Version. The words of Jesus are printed in red.

This book holds one saga by itself, with the same words shared on its morning.

THE KEY VERSE

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." — JOHN 17:17

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." — JOHN 14:6

THE SAGA — ELIJAH ON MOUNT CARMEL (1 KINGS 18)

Israel had tried to worship two ways at once — the LORD on one side, and Baal, the idol of the age, on the other. Elijah gathered the people and the 850 prophets of the false gods on Mount Carmel and put the question of the whole saga into one line:

> "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him." — 1 KINGS 18:21

All day the prophets of Baal cried out, leaped on their altar, and cut themselves — and nothing answered, because there was nothing there. Then Elijah repaired

the altar of the LORD, laid the sacrifice in order, and prayed a short, truthful prayer. Fire fell from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, and the water in the trench. The people fell on their faces and confessed: "The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God." — 1 KINGS 18:39. Worship must be aimed at the real God, as He has revealed Himself — not a version we invent.

JESUS IN THIS SAGA

Elijah's stand did not end on Carmel. Many years later, Elijah stood on another mountain — this time next to Jesus Himself, shining with glory, and talking with Him about the cross:

> "And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him." — MATTHEW 17:3

(Elias is the New Testament name for Elijah.) The God of Carmel and the Jesus of the mountain are the same Lord.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THIS SAGA

Elijah stood almost alone against 850 — but he was not alone. The Holy Spirit still gives God's people the power to stand when the whole crowd bows the other way. Jesus promised that power to His own:

> "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." — ACTS 1:8

CARRY THIS WITH YOU TODAY

Why is it dangerous to worship a version of God that we invent?

— From "Worshiping the Father in Spirit and in Truth," a 10-day devotional by Terrell Powell, Open Collaboration

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Write down one truth from God's Word that you will worship by this week — and how you will obey it.



ABOUT THIS SAGA

God's people were trying to worship two ways at one time. Elijah stood on Mount Carmel and asked them one plain question. Then he prayed, and fire fell from heaven. The people fell on their faces: the Lord, He is the God.

This is the fourth saga. It is worship in truth: worship aimed at the real God.

This book is Saga 4 of 10 from "Worshiping the Father in Spirit and in Truth." Each saga also has its own book, and all ten sagas stand together in the full book.

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