

## **1 Kings 18 – The undisputed God**

*What makes a good contest?*

### **1) Prologue – God is undisputed in his purposes (vv.1–15)**

### **2) Showdown – God is undisputed in his power (vv.16–39)**

<sup>24</sup> *"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." (Jesus, Matthew 6)*

i) Caveat

ii) Caution

*"When we try to be our own sources of truth, we slowly drive ourselves crazy. When we try to be our own sources of satisfaction, we become miserable wrecks. When we become our own standard of goodness and justice, we become obnoxiously self-righteous. When we seek self-glorification, we become more inglorious.*

*Why? It's simple. We are not God. We were never meant to trust in or be defined by, satisfied in, and captivated by ourselves. We were made to revere someone infinitely more interesting and awesome than ourselves." – Thaddeus Williams*

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/self-worship-booms/>

### **3) Epilogue – God is undisputed in his promises (vv.40–46)**