

## SERMON NOTES

**Title: Warning: Danger Ahead**

**Text: I Kings 18:24**

**Topic: Idolatry**

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**File Under: Christian Living**



Prophets were God's **messengers** that oftentimes warned of **impending danger**.

Ahab's wife, Jezebel, wanted to build a temple for the god of **Baal**.

Idolatry robs God of His **Glory**.

Questions to help identify the idols in our lives...

**WHAT ARE YOU MOST DISAPPOINTED WITH RIGHT NOW?**

**WHAT DO YOU SACRIFICE TIME AND MONEY FOR?**

**WHAT DO YOU WORRY ABOUT?**

**WHERE DO YOU GO WHEN YOU GET HURT?**

**WHAT MAKES YOU MAD?**

**WHAT BRINGS YOU THE MOST JOY?**

We sometimes worship the **gift** instead of the **Gift-Giver**.

**#7 WHOSE APPLAUSE DO YOU LONG FOR?**

An idol is whatever the **priority** is in your life.

That God would send a drought is especially interesting because Baal was the god of **rain**.

When there is a *drought* in our life it's going to be in that area that has become **equal** to God in our hearts.

When God is not on the throne of our hearts, life **doesn't work** the way it should.

*Elijah went before the people and said, 'How long will you waver between two opinions?'" "If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." "But the people said nothing." 1 Kings 18:19ff*

The fact that they said nothing reveals they wanted **both**. We want God *and* that something else.

Idolatry is not just offensive to God, it is **hurtful** to God. Why? Because God loves us.

The Prophet's message: We're married to God but when we give our hearts to another, it's like having an **affair**.

The warning from the prophets is, "**Nothing or no one** is to sit on the throne of your heart other than God."