

TEXT OF THE WEEK

"And God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew."

-Romans 11:2

I Kings 18-19
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FOR OR AGAINST?

- After God demonstrated His power on Mount Carmel (I Kings 18), physically picked up Elijah to out run Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel (18:45-46), sent an angel to nourish him before his journey (19:4-8) AND allowed him to stand before Himself on Mt. Horeb and witness the strong wind, the great earthquake, the fire and the still small voice (19:11-12), Elijah maintained his position. What was it? I Kings 19:4,10,14 How can you relate to *"I, only I, am left"*?
- Notice the Lord's response in I Kings 19:18 was used by Paul in Romans 11:3-4. Respond to the major Biblical concepts taught concerning the remnant through the life of Elijah.
 - God's Faithfulness: 11:2 > *"God hath not cast away His people which He foreknew."*
 - God's Grace: 11:5-8 > *"...there is a remnant according to the election of grace...Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for, but the election hath obtained it and the rest were blinded."*
 - God's Purpose: 11:9-12 > *"God hath given them the spirit of slumber...through their fall salvation is come to the Gentiles."*
- The more God opens the eyes of understanding to His word, the harder it is to ignore that a child of God is still surrounded by modern day "Baal" worshippers. Is this too harsh of a statement? Matt. 12:30
 - Who are those considered *"against me"*?
 - False Christs and false prophets who will *"show great signs and wonders"* Matt. 24:24 ; Matt. 7:15-20
 - "False apostles and deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ as the ministers of righteousness."* II Cor. 11:13-15
 - "Pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep..."* Jer. 23:1-3, 16-17; Isaiah 56:11
 - Antichrist and the many antichrists, *"He is the antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father..."* I Jn. 1:18-19, 22-23
 - Those who *"did not do it to one of the least of these"....*Matt. 25:41-46
 - Who are those considered *"for me"*?
 - "A remnant shall be saved..."* Ezek. 6:8-10; Ro. 9:27 (see bar graph below)
 - "Lovest thou me? Feed my sheep..."* John 21:15-17
 - "Ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren..."* Matt. 25:30-40; James 2:14-20
 - Sees his brother in need and doesn't just love *"in word or tongue; but in deed or truth."* I John 3:17-18
 - "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with affections and lusts."* Gal. 5:22-26
- DISCUSS: Why does the Bible continually distinguish between these two groups of people? (Phil. 2:12) Why are those with an understanding of the doctrines of the Bible often accused of sitting back, judging others and assuming they themselves are saved? Is it true? (Ez. 33:31) Or are the doctrines spoken of considered offensive? (Heb. 4:12) If we consider ourselves *"for Christ"* and we desire to *"live in deed and truth,"* of what must we be strongly reminded? Gal. 6:9-10; II Timothy 2:24-26; Col. 2:6-8

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MAJOR RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

