

Take Delight in the Lord

“I Delight in the Lord”

by AVB (Acappella Vocal Band)

I delight in the Lord
My soul rejoices in my God
For He has clothed me with garments
Of salvation
And arrayed me in a robe
Of righteousness

The gods of pleasure often begin as good gifts from the Lord God.

Food

Entertainment

Sex

Relaxation

1 Kings 16:29-30 NIV

“In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel twenty-two years. Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him.”

1 Kings 17:1 NIV

“Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

Don't expect God to bless His **competition**.

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1 Kings 18:19-21 NIV

Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

"So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. 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.

They said nothing because they wanted **both**!!

A war is going to be fought between **850** false gods and the **one** true God.

1 Kings 18:25-28 NIV

Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire." So they took the bull given them and prepared it.

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened." ²⁸ So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed.

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1 Kings 18:29 NIV

“Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.”

There is **no** response. The gods take **everything** and give **nothing**.

God **responds** when we worship.

Digs a trench around the altar

Puts the wood on the altar

Places the bull on the altar

Drenches the altar with gallons and gallons of water.

“My God can **beat** your god with two hands **tied** behind his back.”

1 Kings 18:36-39 NIV

“At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.”

Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!”

Psalm 37:4 NLT

Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart’s desires.

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