



HOW WOULD YOU
SEEK A MIRACLE
FROM GOD?

Wayne's Weekly Words I know one way I don't think I would try.

Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it." So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made. And so it was, at noon, that **Elijah mocked them and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened."** So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them. And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention.

1 Kings 18:25-29 (NKJV)

Elijah would have made a real fool out of himself, after mocking the prophets of Baal as he did above. I don't think I would go that far! But he went even further.

Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name." Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four waterpots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood." Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time; and he said, "Do it a

third time," and they did it a third time. So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water.

1 Kings 18:30-35 (NKJV)

Now he is going to make it difficult for God. He fixes up the altar and puts the sacrifice on it. But, then he pours water on it, around it, everywhere. How is God supposed to burn the offering with all that water?

Again, Elijah is really sticking his neck out. What was the result?

Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again." Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The Lord, He is God! The Lord, He is God!"

1 Kings 18:37-39 (NKJV)

God not only consumed the sacrifice but also the altar the wood and all of the vast amount of water!

In the end, we read,

Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2 Kings 2:11 (NKJV)

Enoch "walked with God and was no more" God took him with him dying first. Elijah is the only other such person. God rewarded the faith of Elijah!
