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Build an Alter for God

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Sermon Discussion Notes Celebration Church

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Key Text: I Kings 18:17-46

➤ **Worshipping False Gods**

- The prophets of Baal and Asherah worshipped pleasure, much like our society today.
 - The people were fluctuating between two opinions: God's and Baal's (I Kings 18:21).
 - The false prophets cried out in the name of pleasure and vanity (I Kings 18:28).

➤ **The Alter of God**

- Before God would send His fire, Elijah had to repair the broken alter (I Kings 18:30).
 - If we want the fire of God in our lives, we must first restore our alters of worship and offer our bodies up as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1).
 - The alter of God is established by prayer and self-sacrifice.

➤ **God's Response**

- God always sends His fire when an alter is built (I Kings 18:38).
 - Like the water poured on Elijah's alter (I Kings 18:33-35), the fire of God will fall when the Holy Spirit saturates our lives.
- The people saw that Elijah's God was the one, true God (I Kings 18:39).
 - Paul told Timothy to serve God with boldness (2 Timothy 1:6-7).
 - We must stop making excuses because, like Elijah, God has promised our victory.
- God deals with His enemies: 850 false prophets were killed (I Kings 18:40).
 - God will deal with cultural issues when the church is obedient to Him.
 - Judgment begins with God's people (1 Peter 4:17).
- The curse of drought was broken by Elijah's obedience (I Kings 18:41-45).
- Elijah was so sure that God would send the rain, that he told his servant to go up to the top of the mountain seven times (I Kings 18:43).
 - Most of us would have stopped at two times, but we must believe in God's promises.