

Elijah's Story: "Whatever" Is Not an Answer

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1) **The prevailing Western religious prospective: "Whatever."**

— Religious neutrality is a logical impossibility.

2) **If the true God is not your master, something else is.**

— Baal worship is more common than we think.

3) **The true God is revealed to us by fire.**

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them. — Luke 9:51-55

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed!" — Luke 12:49-50

References for today's message:

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