

I. How Long Will You Falter Between Opinions?

1 Kings 18:20-21

- Falter: *waver ...* between baal and God
 - v.26, *priests' leaping*
 - 2 Sm.4:4, *go lame*
- Ja.1:8, double-minded

Wavering:
two minds; fickle

Conscience vs
Courage (cost).
John, Mk.6

The way (Jn.14:6)
(one way)

Neutrality is impossible, Mt.12:30

To do nothing is a choice, Josh.24:15

1 Kings 18:21

- Opinions: crutch; to support weak leg; holding a particular view
- Opinions are cheap (supply & demand)

“God is weak;
cannot help us”

“God is powerful,
but uncaring”

“God is cruel;
punishes people”

“God is a liar;
threats, no action”

God is not only awake, but Almighty.
His miracle says it all.

1 Kings 18:21

- No answer
 - They understood Elijah's choices
 - They were afraid, or confused, or both

Jn.10:...24

- Some sought information from Jesus to use against Him
- “How long...suspense?”
- Act as though He is to blame
 - Jn.10:25-26

He *had* told them

They *do not* believe

27: His sheep hear His voice

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Psalm 6:...3

- David: greatly troubled (1-3); calls for great assurance [pining, languishing]
- His life at stake (4-5)
- His mourning is extreme (6-7)

David, the giant killer?

One thing terrified David (1-2)

His only hope: prayer (8-9)

- God answers prayers of His people

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Ones Remain Simple?**

Proverbs 1:22

Wisdom addresses three types of people
(verse 20)

1. Simple
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3. Fool

- Simple: simpleton, silly, naïve, 'open-minded'
- Open to instruction of wisdom or folly; believing every word; thus lacking good sense

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- Be 'easily persuaded' of truth and righteousness, Ps.19:8; Ac.26:26-28

- Do not be persuaded of sin and error. Ro.16:18

□ Some are so open-minded they stop thinking

- 1 Tim.5:13 ... 15

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**IV. How Long Before God
Avenge The Righteous?**

Revelation 6:9-11

- Under the altar (slain - 'sacrificed')
- White robe (condemned by world; elevated by Lord, 3:5)

God is longsuffering (2 Pt.3:9)

God is just. Faith is not an illusion.

God is in control – all history...

Conclusions:

- There is a God. If not, no 'justice'
- There is right and wrong
- There is eternal continuation of our state – good or evil, 2 Co.5:10
- God can more than give back the life one loses, Mt.16:25

Our concern: do not be on
wrong side of His vengeance