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Halting Between Two

After God delivered the Israelites from Egyptian bondage, He required their exclusive loyalty: *"Thou shalt have **no other gods**"* declaring *"for I the LORD thy God am **a jealous God**"* (Exodus 20:3-5). They repeatedly violated this first command and became enamored with the gods of other nations. During the rule of King Ahab, Baal worship became popular under the influence of his ungodly heathen wife, Jezebel. God punished Israel by withholding rain for over three years and sent His prophet, Elijah, to rebuke them by asking, *"**How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him**"* (1 Kings 18:21). One of the definitions of the word "halt" is "to limp" like a person whose hip is out of joint and staggers from side to side.

*"**How long halt ye between two opinions?**"* It is the question to be asked of those who call themselves "Christians" today, but are halting—limping—stagging between two opinions! The fact is that it is **impossible to serve two contradictory masters** as Jesus so emphatically stated, *"**No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other**"* (Matthew 6:24). If you are **wavering** in your love between Jesus Christ and this world, I urge you to hear the word of the Lord: *"**Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God**"* (James 4:4). *"**Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him**"* (1 John 2:15).

*"**How long halt ye between two opinions?**"* How long? It is time to make a clear-cut decision for Jesus! *"**Choose you this day whom ye will serve**"* (Joshua 24:15). *"**Now** is the accepted time"* (2 Corinthians 6:2).