



Title: Choose today whom you will serve
(Commentary on *The Shack*)

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I Kings 18:17-18

¹⁷ Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "*Is that* you, O troubler of Israel?" ¹⁸ And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house *have*, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and have followed the Baals.

I Kings 18:21

²¹ And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word.

I Kings 18:38-39

³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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!"

I Kings 18:40

⁴⁰ And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there.

- Control + corruption
- Lawlessness + gender confusion
- Church divisions

Jesus not forsaken?

Isaiah 59:2

² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear.

No hierarchy?

I Corinthians 11:3

³ But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman *is* man, and the head of Christ *is* God.

John 6:38

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

No evil, sin or judgment?

Revelation 20:11, 12, 15

¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book* of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Romans 6:4, 16-18

⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

¹⁶ Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness? ¹⁷ But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. ¹⁸ And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Galatians 1:8

⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

No church structure?

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷ Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief

God is so nice!

John 1:12

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Psalms 111:10

¹⁰ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom

Romans 11:22

²² Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God

Don't fall for a counterfeit "God"

Matthew 4:9-10

⁹ And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"