

ELIJAH'S WARNING

Throughout the land of Israel,
In wicked Ahab's reign,
His wife, the evil Jezebel,
Had God's true prophets slain.

From God's commands the people strayed;
Adulterous Israel
Did worship idols they had made;
They sacrificed to Baal

Elijah warned them to repent,
Or there would be no rain,
Except it be at his consent,
The warning was in vain.

Three years the famine was severe;
The grass was parched and dry.
All Israel was filled with fear;
There cattle would surely die.

Elijah returned at God's command;
To Ahab he must go,
For God would send rain to the land,
The true God they would know.

The people were gathered at Mr. Carmel;
Elijah said, "Decide,
You can't serve God and also Baal;
This, God will not abide!"

So all the people then agreed
A sacrifice to make,
To prove which one was God indeed,
And which of them was fake.

Baal's prophets began, their flesh, to tear,
And all day they did call;
Elijah prayed a simple prayer,
And fire, from God, did fall.

So, through Elijah, God had turned
The people back to Him;
Their fathers' God, whom they had spurned,
Had not deserted them.

Today, as in Elijah's days,
We have no time to lose;
We cannot halt between two ways;
God says that we must choose!

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