



“DO I WANT A SUPERNATURAL CHURCH?”

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1 Kings 18:16-39

INTRODUCTION:

It is easy to build a church. Charismatic leader- check. Amazing music- check. Good coffee and food- check. State of the art facility- check. Encouraging words- all set. Great marketing- check.

When all is said and done, we can build an amazing church- but is it supernatural?

A SUPERNATURAL CHURCH _____ THE COMMUNITY:

“When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?” “I have not made trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned the Lord’s commands and have followed the Baals” (1 Kings 18:17-18).

“When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee” (Matthew 21:10-11).

- Do I stir people?

A SUPERNATURAL CHURCH DOES NOT _____:

“Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him” (1 Kings 18:21).

“Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come” (2 Corinthians 1:21-22).

- Where do I stand?

A SUPERNATURAL CHURCH CALLS ON THE _____ AND _____ OF GOD:

“At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench” (1 Kings 18:36-38).

“Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong” (Acts 3:6-7).

- Where does my strength come from?

A SUPERNATURAL CHURCH GLORIFIES _____ NOT

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“When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The Lord —he is God! The Lord —he is God!” (1 Kings 18:39).

“Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is ‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone. ‘ Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:8-12).

- Do people see a supernatural God in me?

SO WHAT?

We are called to be a supernatural church, filled with supernatural natural people who are filled with the supernatural Holy Spirit of God.

- ✓ Is there something missing in my life? What will I do about it?
- ✓ Will I have the courage to pray that God makes me a supernatural follower of Jesus?