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# **Gospel Meeting**

## with Jim Dearman Host of Good News Today

### Elizabethtown church of Christ September 20 - 23

### **Schedule:**

Sunday Bible Class - 9:30 a.m.: Does It Pay to Serve God? (Psalm 73)

Sunday A.M. Worship - 10:30 a.m.: Salvation and the Seatbelt Sunday P.M. Worship - 6:00 p.m.: Heaven in One Sentence

Monday Evening - 7:00 p.m.: Do You Believe in Hell? Tuesday Evening - 7:00 p.m.: Power in the Blood

Wednesday Evening - 7:00 p.m.: Finishing the Course (Philippians 1:9-11)

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#### When You Cannot Answer Attack!

I have seen it so many times and, in several settings, —when someone cannot explain or answer a challenge that someone goes on the attack. Often the attack is a personal attack on one's character. At other times it is an attack to distort what a person believes. Whatever the case, instead of merely answering a belief or a concept, in the name of winning an argument or being right, honesty and kindness disappear. Never is this more apparent than when someone is attacking God's Holy Word.

Those who write in defense of Phoenician deities like Baal take a bit of a different approach in their attack against YHWH and the Hebrew Bible. It is quite amazing to read their statement of facts without any proof whatsoever. These so-called scholars write the most bizarre concepts as if they are facts (reminds me of those who believe in evolutionism—evolution is a fact like apples falling out of the trees). Let me share with you just a few of the ways those who choose to hate and destroy the Bible stretch the facts.

In the account of Elijah and the 450 prophets of Baal, proponents of the Bible describe Jezebel as an outstanding leader. The claim is that the Bible describes her as vicious and domineering. The Bible paints such a picture that she becomes the most hated woman of the Bible, so much so that her name today still stands to be an epitaph for any evil woman. However, the idea that she was an outstanding leader has no basis in facts or writing.

In contrast, Elijah is a folk hero. He is set aside as one who obviously is a made-up character because he is god-like in his ability to perform miracles. The claim also appears that Elijah is immortal due to his translation by YHWH to heaven. Critics of the Bible claim that the way to separate myth from reality is to remember that the writers of the Bible had an unhealthy attachment to their fantasy god YHWH.

So, what do these critics claim is the answer to the mythical stories found in the Bible? To them, it is simple. They write, "When one studies the real creation stories, we know that humanity was created by a group of Anunnaki who had set up a station on earth for this purpose." Before you laugh, please realize these people are serious. They are no doubt seriously deluded, and that is the reason they write such baseless claims about the God of the Israelites as well as the historical figure Elijah. Nonetheless, this is what they believe.

That leads me to my point that when people are against something, all reason goes out the window. Rather than look at a subject objectively, the preconceived ideas of what has to be (because the Bible cannot be) takes over. Forget that all known science lines up with the Genesis account of Creation. Forget that there is no evidence aside from the imagination of scholars that such Anunnaki created all things. Sad as it is, we cannot make someone believe

in God, we can only present the adequate evidence that if they search, they can find Him.

Sunday's Sermons:

AM — Isaiah and the Gospel Matthew 1:18-23 PM — A Christian at Work

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

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