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I. God is the Creator of the Universe, and the Creation listens to him. 神是宇宙的創造者,宇宙也聽他的吩咐 (vv. 1-7).

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III. God's representative must be able to bring people to Christ. 神的代表必須能夠帶人信主. (vv. 17-24)

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神對於這樣的爭戰,已經給了得勝的保證.

God has given a guarantee of victory in such a battle.

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Reflections:

- 1. If God chooses you to be the Elijah of this year, which area do you think it would be the most resistant area from you to be trained? 如果上帝選擇你做今日的以利亞, 你覺得哪一個方面會是上帝訓練你的時候, 受到最大阻力的地方?
- 2. God desires us to be his representatives. How do you plan to carry out his ministry in your life? 神願意我們成為祂的代表, 你想如何去進展, 讓神可以藉著你展開祂的工作?

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