

**GOD SPEAKS.....**  
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**TO LISTEN**



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# **ELIJAH'S MIGHTY VICTORIES ALL SEEM FORGOTTEN NOW**

**He flees outside the kingdom and heads into the desert**

- doesn't want to face anyone**
- doesn't want to talk to anyone**
- doesn't want to assume any responsibility**

**THEN HE DECIDES HE'S HAD ENOUGH  
SUICIDAL THOUGHTS HAVE ENTERED  
THIS GREAT PROPHETS MIND!!!  
HOW TRAGIC!!**

## **2 Cor 4:8-9 King James Version**

**8** We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

**9** Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

## **Psalms 27:13 King James Version**

**13** I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**SEE HOW CONFUSED HE IS....**

**HE FLEES DEATH BUT STILL  
SEEKS IT!!!!**

**DEPRESSED PEOPLE DO NOT  
KNOW WHAT THEY WANT!!!**

## **1 Kings 19:5-6 King James Version**

**5** And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

**6** And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

**Elijah falls asleep under a tree**

**HAVE YOU EVER FELT SO  
OVERWHELMED THAT ALL YOU CAN DO  
WAS LIE DOWN AND GO TO SLEEP??**

Look at how good God is:

➔ he has been watching this whole time, and sends an angel to feed Elijah

**THE LORD MEETS US WHERE WE ARE AND PROVIDES FOR OUR NEEDS!!!!**

## **Matthew 10:30-31 King James Version**

**30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.**

**31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.**

**How often have you faced disappointment?**

**How often have you felt discouraged?**

**How often have you faced fear?**

**How often have you faced doubt?**

## Isaiah 41:10 King James Version

**10** Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

## Isaiah 58:11 King James Version

**11** And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

**God will never leave us destitute or  
without help**

**Elijah eats, drinks and falls asleep again  
at the end of verse 6**

## **1 Kings 19:7-8 King James Version**

**7** And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

**8** And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

**LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENS HERE: THE ANGEL  
OF THE LORD WAKES ELIJAH UP A 2<sup>ND</sup> TIME**

**WHAT DOES THAT TELL US?**

**GOD DOES NOT FEED YOU.....**

**JUST SO YOU CAN GO BACK TO  
SLEEP!!!!**

**THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE!!!**

## **2 Thess 3:10 King James Version**

**10** For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

## **2 Tim 1:7 King James Version**

**7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

**Verse 8 describes this perfectly:**

- Elijah “arose”, no more laying down and sleeping**
- after eating and drinking God’s food, he “went in strength” on a 40 day/40 night journey to Mt Horeb**

**GOD WAS PREPARING ELIJAH FOR  
THIS JOURNEY!!**

**GOD WAS ALSO GETTING READY TO  
SPEAK!!!**

**We all aren't above feeling these emotions,  
even some of the greatest prophets in the  
Bible did**

**➔ can lead to depression and in extreme  
cases, even suicide**

## **1 Kings 19:9 King James Version**

**9** And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

# Elijah as retreated to a cave:

→ **completely silent**

→ **no distractions**

→ **no interference**

**GOD WILL NOT COMPETE WITH THE  
NOISE IN YOUR LIFE!!!**

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# WHAT DOEST THOU HERE ELIJAH??

**This is God's question to the prophet**

**→ Elijah was trembling when he should've been trusting**

**→ Elijah was pouting when he should've been praising**

## DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU TODAY??

- those feeling defeated by fear
- those feeling overwhelmed by problems
- those feeling they have no purpose in their lives

## **Deut 33:27 King James Version**

**27** The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

## **Psalms 91:4 King James Version**

**4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.**

## **Isaiah 46:4 King James Version**

**4** And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

## **1 Kings 19:10 King James Version**

**10** And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

## **Elijah's response to God's question**

- he feels defenseless and helpless against Jezebel**
- he feels he's the only one in the nation serving God**

**HOW DOES GOD RESPOND??**

**TODAY, WE EXAMINE ELIJAH UNDER  
THESE CIRCUMSTANCES**

## **1 Kings 19:11-12 King James Version**

**11** And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

**12** And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

**HOW DOES GOD RESPOND??**

**BY GIVING ELIJAH A COMMAND!!!**

**“GO FORTH AND STAND UPON THE MOUNT”**

**THE FINAL PART OF ANY MIRACLE IS  
GOD GIVING YOU A COMMAND TO OBEY!!!**

**A supernatural wind, earthquake and fire follow**

**→ God was not present in any of them**

**WHY NOT???**

**THE LORD HAD TO GET ELIJAH'S  
FULL UNDIVIDED ATTENTION!!**

**WHAT DOES GOD HAVE TO DO TO  
GET YOUR ATTENTION??**

**GOD SPEAKS IN A “STILL, SMALL  
VOICE” TO ELIJAH**

**ISNT IT FUNNY HOW WE WILL  
LISTEN TO A STILL SMALL VOICE  
RATHER THAN A LOUD ONE??**

## **1 Kings 19:13-14 King James Version**

**13** And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?

**14** And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

**NO ONE CAN SEE GOD FACE-TO-FACE, SO ELIJAH  
COVERS HIS FACE WHEN HE HEARS GOD SPEAK**

**GOD REPEATS HIS PREVIOUS QUESTION, AND ELIJAH  
REPEATS HIS PREVIOUS RESPONSE**

**NOW, WE WILL SEE GOD'S  
FINAL DECREE**

## **1 Kings 19:15-16 King James Version**

**15** And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:

**16** And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

**1 Kings 19:17-18 King James Version**

**17** And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

**18** Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

# **GOD GIVES ELIJAH A NEW MISSION AND ENCOURAGES HIM**

- he is to anoint a king from Damascus to bring judgment against Ahab's house**
- he is to anoint Jehu, a military commander, to launch a complete purge of Ahab's house**
- he is to anoint Elisha as his apprentice**

# Let's take a look at an account of Elijah up to the point of 1 Kings chapter 19:

- burst on the scene announcing a famine (1 Kings 17)
- fed by ravens and a widow, then had major victory at Carmel (1 Kings 17-18)
- had done great works as God's prophet, yet he is about to become almost unrecognizable

**ELIJAH HAD NOT BEEN A FAILURE!!**

**GOD TELLS HIM THERE ARE 7,000  
FAITHFUL BELIEVERS LEFT IN ISRAEL!!!**

## **Psalms 115:12 King James Version**

**12** The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron.

## **John 15:16 King James Version**

**16** Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

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**WHAT HAS YOU STUCK HIDING IN A  
CAVE TODAY??**

**WHAT DOEST THOU HERE??**

**FEAR? DOUBT? ANXIETY? DEPRESSION?**

**WHAT MUST GOD DO TO GET YOUR  
ATTENTION?**

**SEND AN EARTHQUAKE?**

**SEND THE WIND?**

**SEND THE FIRE?**

**GOD DID NOT FEED YOU JUST SO YOU  
CAN GO BACK TO SLEEP!!!**

**IT IS TIME TO ARISE AND GET  
MOVING!!!**

**GOD WILL GIVE YOU A NEW PURPOSE  
AND A NEW MISSION!!!**

**THERE IS A FAITHFUL REMNANT  
WAITING TO RECEIVE YOUR HARD  
WORK!!!!**

# 1 Kings 19:1-2 King James Version

**1** And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

**2** Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

# **Ahab is reporting to Jezebel how the prophets of Baal were defeated at Mt Carmel**

- he's attributing the victory to Elijah, not God**
- he blames Elijah for killing the prophets of Baal**
- he and Jezebel have no desire at all to repent for their sins and turn from their wicked lifestyle**

## **Jezebel is furious by what she has heard**

- she takes an oath to bring down judgment on herself if she fails to kill Elijah within a day's time**
- notice that she gave Elijah 24 hours notice to flee, she figures if she can't kill him than making him leave town is the next best option**

## **1 Kings 19:3-4 King James Version**

**3** And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

**4** But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.