

“Meeting with God in time of Discouragement”

1 Kings 19:9-19

What principles can we learn from Elijah’s time with God on the Mountain?

I. We are never Truly alone.

A. What belief was Elijah struggling with that led to discouragement?

1 Kings 19:9–10 — ⁹ Then he came there to a cave and lodged there; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He said, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.””

1. In the area of serving - _____
2. In terms of teamwork - _____
3. As pertains to his continued work - _____

B. After the demonstration of earth, wind, and fire, what was the sound that moved Elijah’s to pay attention? -v13b

1 Kings 19:12–13 — ¹² After the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?””

1. Literally **“sound of soothing stillness”** – this is what Elijah needed for his striving soul.
2. **Application:** Sometimes our human concerns are best remedied by sustained stillness before the Lord - **Psalm 46:10 , Psalm 4:4–5**
3. If Christ can calm the raging sea, can He not give peace to our heart? **Mark 4:39–40**

II. God responds to Elijah’s self-focused concerns:

1 Kings 19:15–16 — ¹⁵ The Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus, and when you have arrived, you shall anoint Hazael king over Aram; ¹⁶ and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place.”

A. It was in the stillness that Elijah received what? _____

B. How was Elijah corrected about being alone in following the Lord (v18)? _____

1 Kings 19:18–19 — ¹⁸ “Yet I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.” ¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, while he was plowing with twelve pairs of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him and threw his mantle on him.”

C. It was on Elijah’s path of obedience that He met who (v19)? _____

1. **Lesson:** Continued faithful service to the Lord is where He will meet all our needs.
2. What needs do you should be trusting the Lord to meet?
3. What ministry is the Lord currently have you doing that you should be faithful?