

The Gentle Whisper of God

1 Kings 19:1-21

Key Verse: 19:12

“After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.”

I. ELIJAH GOES TO MOUNT HOREB (1-8)

1. Why did Elijah flee into the desert? (1-3) Why did he pray to die as he sat under the broom tree? (4)

2. How did God help him? (5-7) Having been strengthened, where did Elijah go? (8) Why would he go to Mount Horeb?

II. ELIJAH HEARS THE GENTLE WHISPER OF GOD (9-21)

3. What word of the LORD came to Elijah as he was in the cave? (9) What did he complain about to God? (10) Think about Elijah's feelings at the time.

4. How did God first appear to Elijah? (11) How next? After the earthquake, then what? (12a) Why might God not have been in the powerful wind, the earthquake, or fire?

5. What came after the fire? (12b) How did Elijah react? (13a) What did the voice of God ask? (13b) What can we learn about God, who spoke in a gentle whisper?

6. How and why did Elijah continue to complain? (14) In spite of this, what assignment did God give Elijah? (15-17) What would happen to the worshippers of Baal? Whom did the Lord reserve for himself? (18) What did Elijah do? (19-21)