

The SPIRIT and the POWER of

Elijah exposes a prophetic ministry of restoration that speaks of the destruction of political and religious Babylon.



ELIJAH



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The Test of Loneliness

THE
SPIRIT

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JAH

Message #5

Behold, I will **send you** Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the **LORD**. Malachai 4:5



Before that dreadful day comes, the Holy Spirit has a loud and clear voice throughout the earth - an Elijah company of holy, consecrated, discerning saints who fearlessly warn of sin, righteousness and impending judgment....David Wilkerson, June, 1987



In the Last Messages (#3 #4)

- We have covered 1 Kings Chapters 17 and 18.
- Elijah came to Ahab and initiated the Encounter and Contest at Mount Carmel.
- God gave Elijah supernatural strength to run ahead of wicked Ahab.
- In this lesson, we will continue to Chapter 19.
- Chapter 19 is a **low point** in the Prophet Elijah's life.
- It also covers **the calling of Elisha**.



- The Prophet Elijah is often regarded as a **DWELLER** of the **WILDERNESS**.
- His garments are connected to John the Baptist in the New Testament.
- His attire and diet was **simple**.
- His physical **endurance** was outstanding.
- He was a **BOLD** spokesman.
- He was **HUMAN**.
 - Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are. James 5:17
- He was a man of **PRAYER**, an **EDUCATOR**, and he walked **ALONE**.

Matthew 17:11-13, KJV

And his disciples asked Him, saying, Why then say the scribes that ELIAS must first come?

11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, ELIAS TRULY SHALL FIRST COME, and RESTORE all things.

12 But I say unto you, That ELIAS IS COME ALREADY, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.

13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of JOHN THE BAPTIST.

TWO IMPORTANT STATEMENTS BY JESUS

1. Elijah had **ALREADY COME** - in the person of John the Baptist.
 - This fulfilled the prophecy of the Prophet Malachi.
 - Behold, I will send my messenger, and **he shall prepare the way before me**. Malachi 3:1
2. Elijah **WOULD COME** - in and through an end time prophetic people, a CORPORATE Elijah ministry.
 - Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet **before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD**. Malachi 4:5
 - **Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things** – Mark 9:12

This end time prophetic **PEOPLE**, the **CHURCH**,
Is a **Ministry of RESTORATION**.

- The Elijah Ministry of **RESTORATION** is sent to **RESTORE** and **REPAIR** the **HOME**, the **FAMILY**, and to **EQUIP** the **SAINTS**.
- The **CORPORATE Elijah Ministry** is an **end-time Prophetic Ministry** in the principle of John the Baptist.
- John the Baptist preceded the manifestation of the **corporate overcoming son (US and JESUS)** and the **coming of the Lord (JESUS)**.
- This end-time ministry is summed up as a ministry of **RESTORATION**, **REPENTANCE**, and **REFORMATION**.



- This Ministry is marked by **FIRE**.
- **FIRE** is a symbol for the **WORD** and **SPIRIT**.
- The encounter on Mount Carmel is first and foremost a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ at Mount Calvary and His **FINISHED WORK**.
- The encounter is an end-time picture of a head-on collision between the **Corporate Son of God** and the **Corporate Son of Hell**.
- **AND WE WIN!!**



JEZEBEL PROMISED TO KILL ELIJAH



- And **AHAB** told **JEZEBEL** all that **ELIJAH** had done, and withal how HE had SLAIN (to smite with deadly intent) all the PROPHETS with the sword.
- Then **JEZEBEL** sent a **MESSENGER** (representative) 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 (the slain prophets) **BY TOMORROW about this time.**” 1 Kings 19:1-2
- It’s amazing that a man so BOLD in the HOLY GHOST one day, and all it took was a ONE CRAZY DEMON-POSSESSED Woman who drained all of his strength.
- As we look at the two main tracks of Elijah and Elisha, I want to show you the **prophetic directive** for the body of Christ in the end-time, and also point out the **practical aspects** of the prophetic ministry.



Practical Aspects

- We all have our days and our moments when we just hit rock bottom.
- The Spirit of Jezebel can be on a man or a women.
- It is a Spirit of Control or Manipulation.
- This evil spirit hates and DESPIES the Prophet.
- **It hates the VOICE of the Prophet and wants to KILL GOD'S VOICE.**



- All Jezebel had to do was basically say, “**I’ll get even with you**” and Elijah ran boogedy woogedy now.
 - He RAN.
 - He didn’t take the bus.
 - He RAN.
 - He ran for his dear life over a 100 MILES South.
 - He went to the furthestest point south he could go.
 - He went to Beersheba.
- The phrase from Dan to Beersheba means from the NORTH to the SOUTH.
- He went as far South as he could go and still be under the **Jurisdiction of the King of Judah** (PRAISE).
 - He ran clear out of her territory but stayed in Judah.
 - In Judah he would have some protection.



- And when he SAW *that* (perceive, consider), he AROSE, and WENT for his LIFE, and came to BEERSHEBA (ran almost 100 miles SOUTH to seek REFUGE in the place of his FATHERS), which *belongeth* to JUDAH (praise), and LEFT (allowed to stay) his (unnamed) servant (lad, youth) there. 1 Kings 19:3
- Historically in the Bible, Beersheba was a place of refuge for the patriarchs, and it belonged to Judah.
- He left his unnamed servant (tradition says his servant was the widow's son, whom he brought back to life).
- Elijah was alone.
- This was the **TEST of LONELINESS, SOLITUTDE, ISOLATION, SECLUSION** for PROPHETIC ministry.
- **The test of loneliness is just you and God.**



- This was the first time that Elijah had listened to any other voice but God's.
- **FAITH** has a **VOICE**.
- **FEAR** has a VOICE.
- **Faith** comes by meditating on the Word of God.
 - **Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.** Romans 10:17
- **Fear** comes by meditating on any other voice.
- Elijah was **intimidated** by Jezebel.
- Elijah was also **beaten down** by **GOD'S PEOPLE**.
- He was **DISCOURAGED** by Israel's double-mindedness to repent from following Baal after the miracle on Mount Carmel.

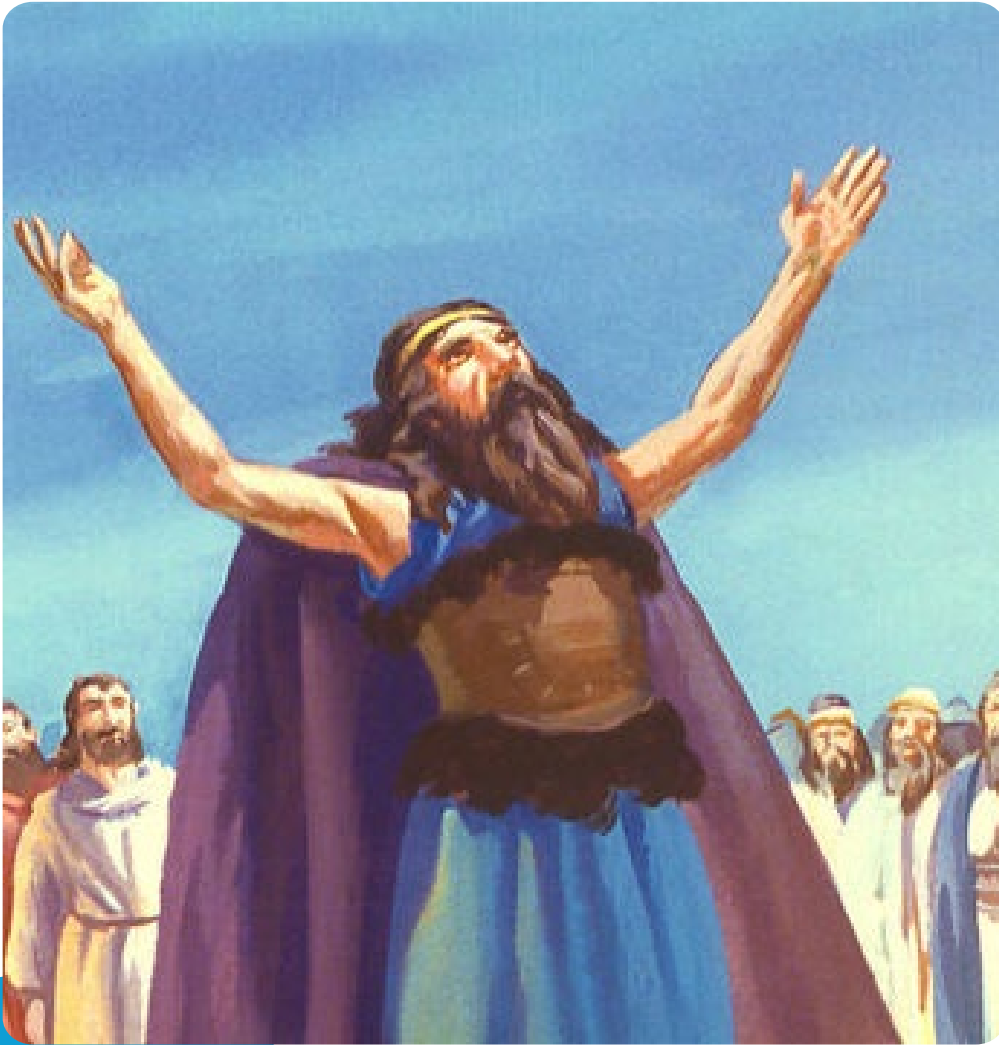


- One would think after the miracle the people witnessed on Mount Carmel, they would have all repented and taken down all of their idols and burned them, but they were still double minded, still halting between two opinions.
- Elijah was discouraged by God's people.
- Jezebel's threat was the icing on the cake.
- The people did not repent.
- **Elijah fled in SUDDEN FEAR.**
- **His FAITH failed.**
- He ran for his "dear life".
- His went to **HIDE** in the southern WILDERNESS.



EXALTED ABOVE MEASURE means to **RAISE MYSELF OVER** or to **BECOME HAUGHTY**; to keep me from becoming **CONCEITED**.

- God had taken Elijah to Zidon, near Jezebel's hometown, her territory and God had demonstrated his ability to **KEEP** (preserve) him there by **HIDING** the prophet with the widow in Jezebel's backyard. (Message #2).
- And yet he **RAN**.
- There's a point where Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:7 says, "And **lest I should be EXALTED ABOVE MEASURE** through the abundance of the revelations, **there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to BUFFET me, lest I should be exalted above measure.**"

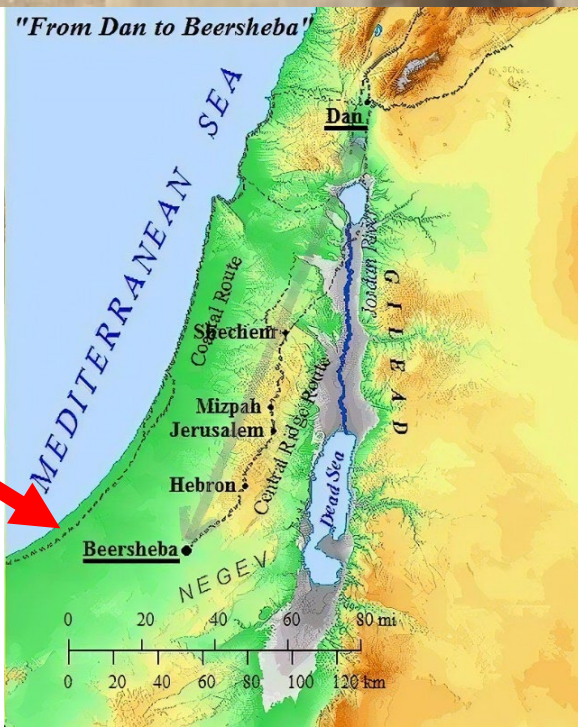


- God said because of that he was given his own personal devil of **Satan to BUFFET me**, which means to **STRIKE** with the **FIST**.
- On Mount Carmel Elijah was **EXALTED** above **MEASURE**.
- He had been to the national convention. He was a **NATIONAL HERO. EVERYBODY** knew **HIS NAME**.
- **And now**, instead of showing the strong spirit of a martyr, **he fled from his post of duty**.

Beersheba

Home of the Patriarchs

In the territory of Simeon
A Place to HEAR



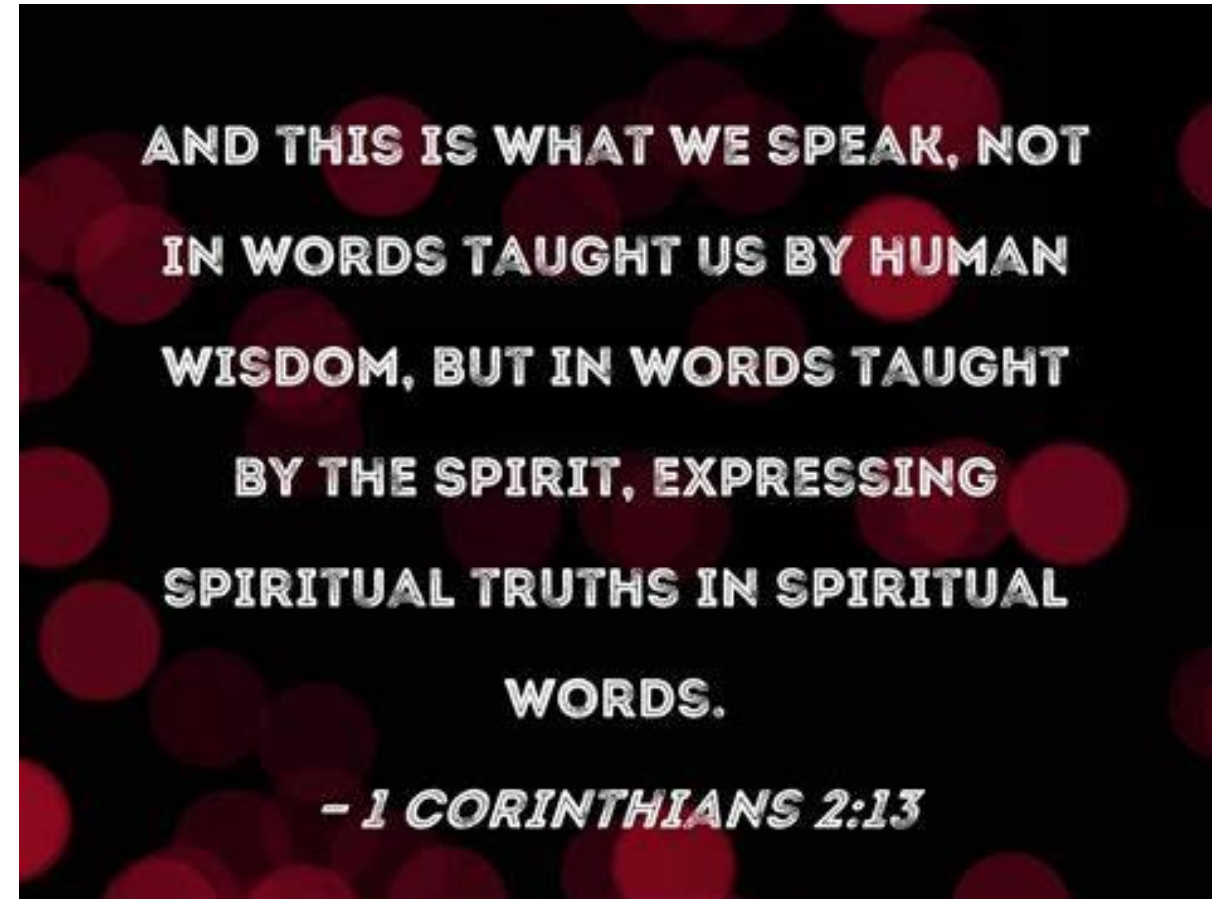
- **BEERSHEBA** means “the well of the oath, seven wells.”
- It was named for **the covenant** made between **Abraham** and Abimelech.
- It was a sacred shrine like Bethel and Gilgal.
- **It was where God appeared to people; people like HAGAR, ISAAC and JACOB.**
- It was good place for a prophet to be.
- This was an **UNSHAKEABLE** place.
- He went back to **a place where God had spoken to others.**
- It was in the chief city of NEGEV **in the territory of Simeon** (Joshua 19:1-2) **(the one who HEARS)** (A Paved Work of Sapphire Stone).
- Beersheba was on the limits of the tribe of Judah, toward the border of Edom in the South (Joshua 15:21).
- It was considered **the SOUTHERNMOST** part of **the Promised Land.**

The Gate of Simeon

The one who HEARS



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OBEY GOD, not Man



- Verse 4 **reveals the problem.**
- See up to this point, God would say “Go here, go there” and Elijah went. He arose, he arose, he arose, and WENT as God commanded.
- But **he himself went** a DAY’S JOURNEY (about 20 miles through a wide expanse of sand-hills), into the WILDERNESS (uninhabited desert – on the way to Horeb) and came and **sat down (in depression) under a JUNIPER TREE:** and he **REQUESTED (begged) for himself that he MIGHT DIE;** and said, It is ENOUGH; now, O LORD, **take away my life;** for I *am* not better than (as good as) my fathers. 1 Kings 19:4
- **He himself** went – he’s going in HIMSELF.

- **He begged that he might die.**
- He said, "Take my life, God."
- Until you have walked in an Elijah ministry, you may not understand, but I believe many of you do understand.
- This was his HUMANITY showing through.
- Jezebel would have gladly obliged him had he not ran.
- He came to a lone broom bush. The juniper tree was called a broom tree.
- **Elijah was called to be God's BROOM. He was to SWEEP OUT all the LIES (Jezebel) and all the DEATH and all the HELL.**
- Isaiah 28 speaks of a ministry that is coming that is going to **sweep away the REFUGE of LIES.**
- **God sent him to CLEAN HOUSE.**

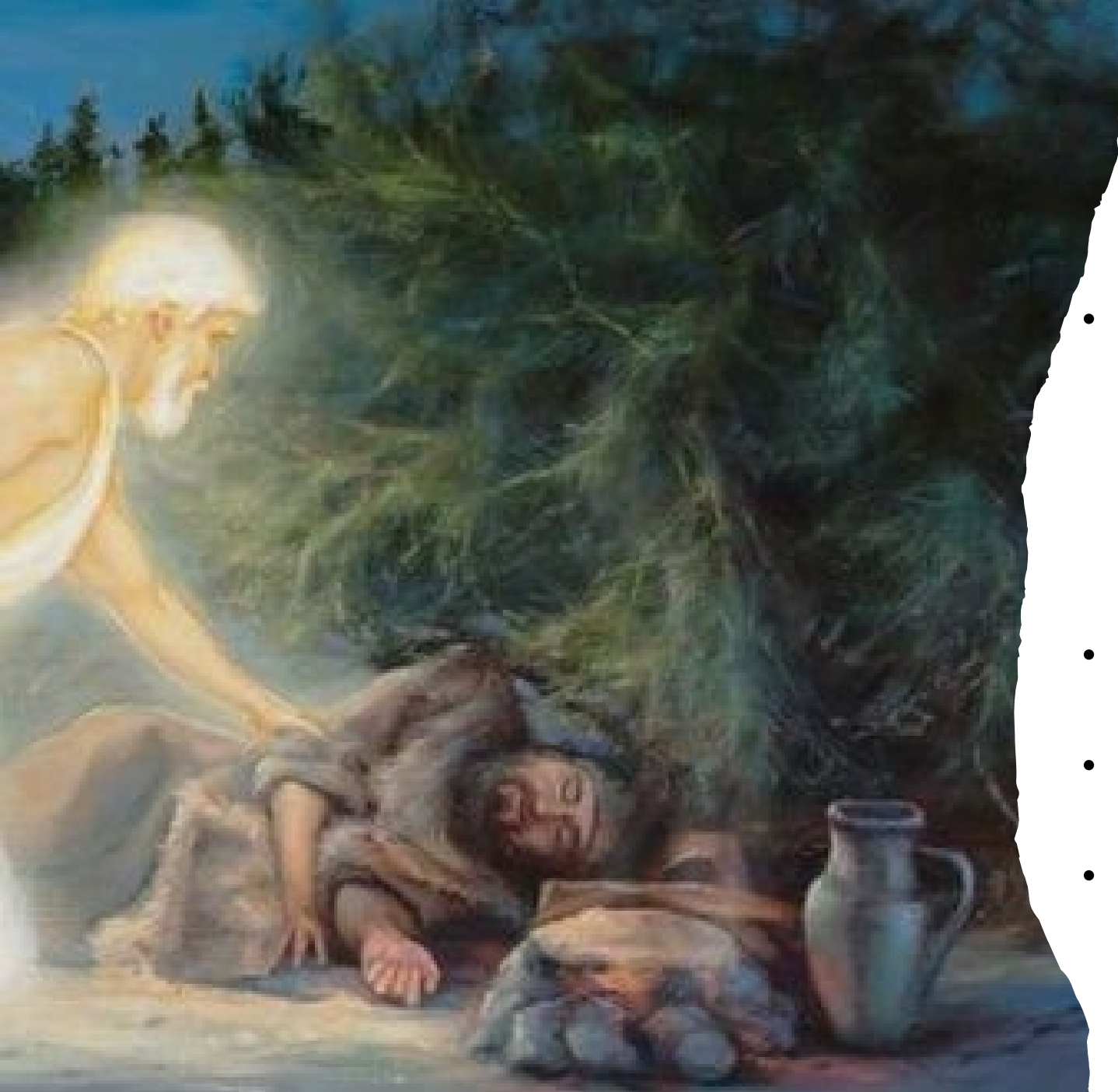




- The broom tree is a picture of the prophet himself.
- He came to a lone broom tree and **collapsed in its shade wanting in the worst way to die and be done with it all – to just die.**
- **Enough of this God, take my life. I'm ready to join my ancestors in the grave.**
- The broom tree is actually a bush, just a shrub, used for refuge and shade. It is almost leafless. It had small white blossoms and grew to about 12 feet. It is common in the desert regions of Palestine, Arabia, and Egypt.
- So even in the midst of his depressed state of unbelief the **sovereign God which is paramount is watching over Elijah in his weakness.**

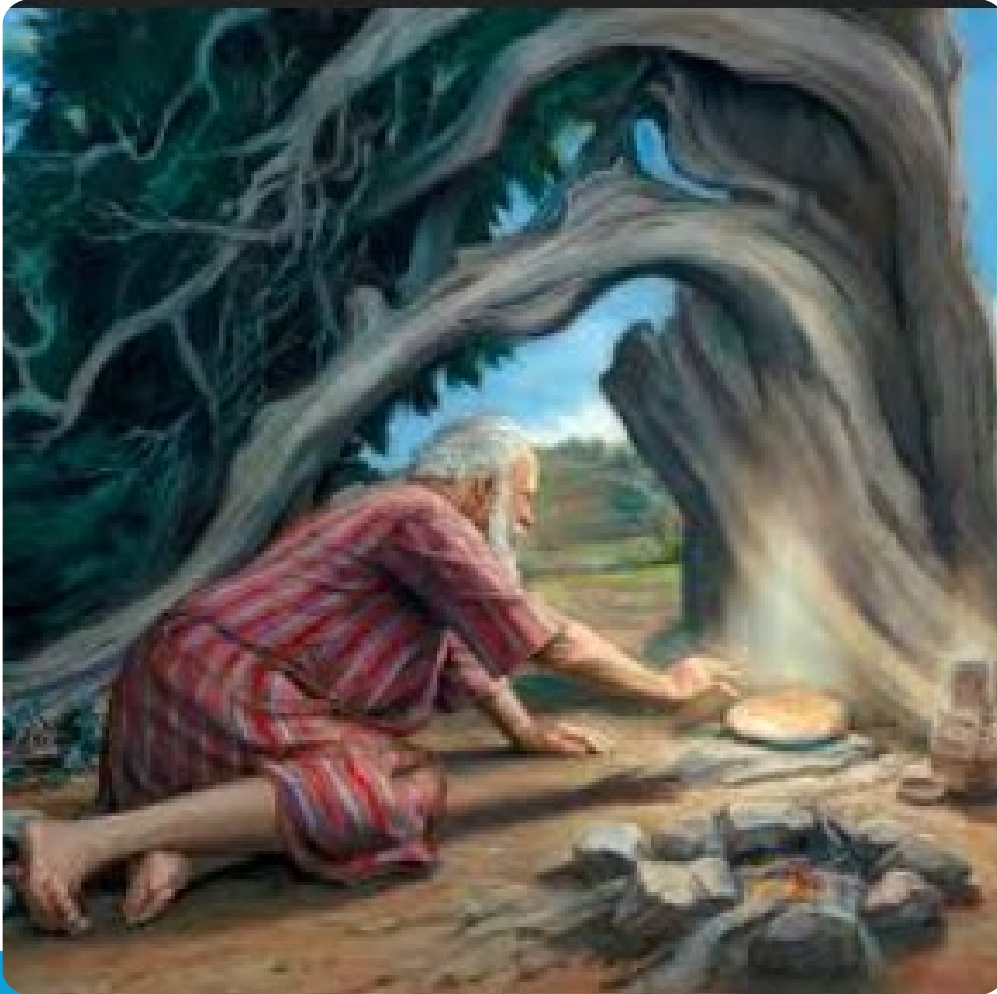


- We, too, are weak in many areas.
- In those moments when we have been faithful to dispense the Word of the Lord and we stand **WITHOUT FEAR**, and **GUN DOWN the Prophets of BAAL**, then all **HELL BREAKS LOOSE**.
- Nobody loves me, nobody is sending me an email, nobody is calling me.
- And as he LAY (down) and SLEPT under a JUNIPER TREE, behold, then **an ANGEL** (messenger) **TOUCHED** (lay the hand on) him, and said unto him, **ARISE** (stir yourself) **and EAT** (Heaven's meal = Word). 1 Kings 19:5



Here comes the angel of the Lord (JESUS). He touched him.

- Compare to Peter in the jail cell in Acts 12.
 - And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from *his* hands. Acts 12:7
- The angel told Elijah, **ARISE, STIR YOURSELF, and EAT.**
- The angel was bringing to him **HEAVEN'S MEAL – the WORD.**
- Right at the moment when you most need it, God will come and an answer will come in many forms, and he will give you a Word.



- And he **LOOKED** (regard with care, pay attention), and, **BEHOLD** (revelation of ALL that had been SUPERNATURALLY provided), ***there was a CAKE BAKEN on the COALS*** (what the prophet should have been), and a CRUSE (jar, jug) of **WATER at his HEAD** (reasoning, logic). And he did EAT and DRINK, and LAID him DOWN again (not ENOUGH to KEEP him UP). 1 Kings 19:6
- He looked and behold there was **SUPERNATURAL PROVISION.**
- **There was a cake baked.**
- Have you ever opened your Bible on a lonely morning and all of a sudden right there on the page is a CAKE BAKED?
 - **The LOVE of God.**
 - God gives us the exact word we need when we need it. **THANK YOU, JESUS.**

The Angel Came a SECOND TIME

- The red-hot coals was what Elijah USED to BE. The CAKE (the Word) was baking on the coals.
- The cruse of water was at his head representing that it was his human REASONING that had made him run.
- Elijah ate and drank, **but it wasn't enough to keep him up.**
- When you go to the Word, don't get just enough to fulfill your appetite, but get enough to stand on your feet and go again.
- **So, the angel came the SECOND TIME.**
- Can you say **GRACE!**

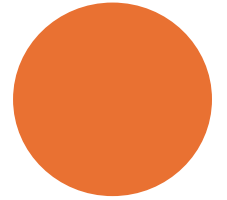


Sometimes We Need a SECOND TOUCH

- And the **ANGEL of the LORD** came again the **SECOND TIME**, and TOUCHED him, and said, *ARISE and EAT*; **because the JOURNEY** (way, road, distance) **is too GREAT** (from BEERSHEBA to MOUNT HOREB) **for thee.** 1 Kings 17:7
- We are reminded of the time that Jesus touched the blind man in the Gospels, and he touched him the first time, and then **he touched him the second time.** (Mark 8) He was **COMPLETELY HEALED.**
- **Sometimes we need a SECOND MEAL.**
- **Sometimes we need to PRAY a SECOND TIME.**
- The Angel came and TOUCHED him a **SECOND TIME.**



- The Angel said, “You better get up and eat some more, because the journey is too great for you.”
- Elijah had been fed **THREE times** by the **ANGEL** of the LORD – the **RAVENS**, the **WIDOW**, the ANGEL. (1 Kings 19:7; 2 Kings 1:3-15)
- Elijah was on his way to Mount Horeb, which is Mount Sinai. It was about another 150 miles.
- And he **AROSE**, and did **EAT** and **DRINK**, and went in the **STRENGTH** (power, might) of that **MEAT** (food, meal) **FORTY** days and **FORTY** nights unto **HOREB** (desert, waste) the **MOUNT of GOD**. 1 Kings 19:8
- Horeb (SINAI) was where Moses heard God speaking through the burning bush. (Exodus 3:1)
- Horeb was where the **LAW** was given to Israel.

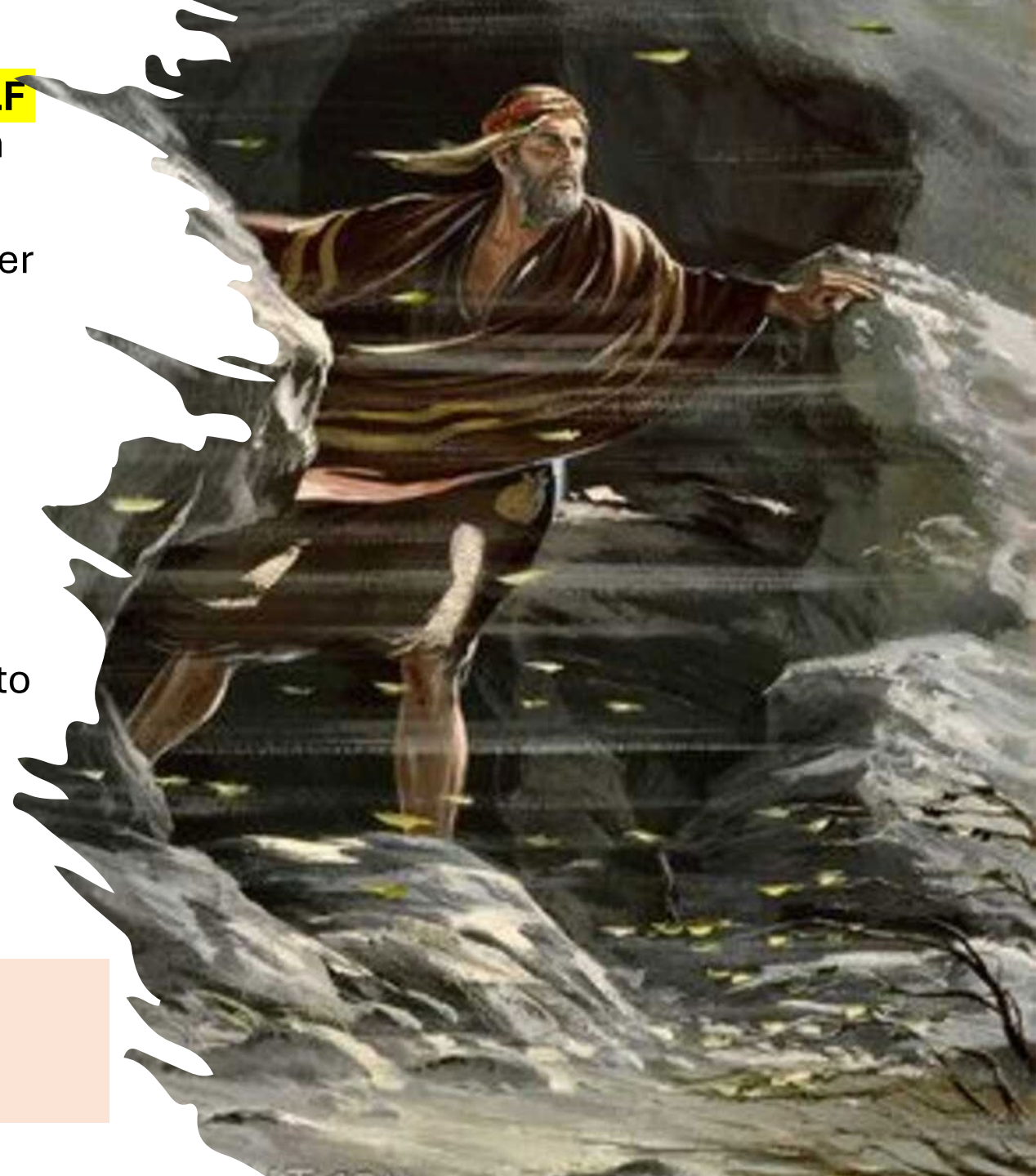


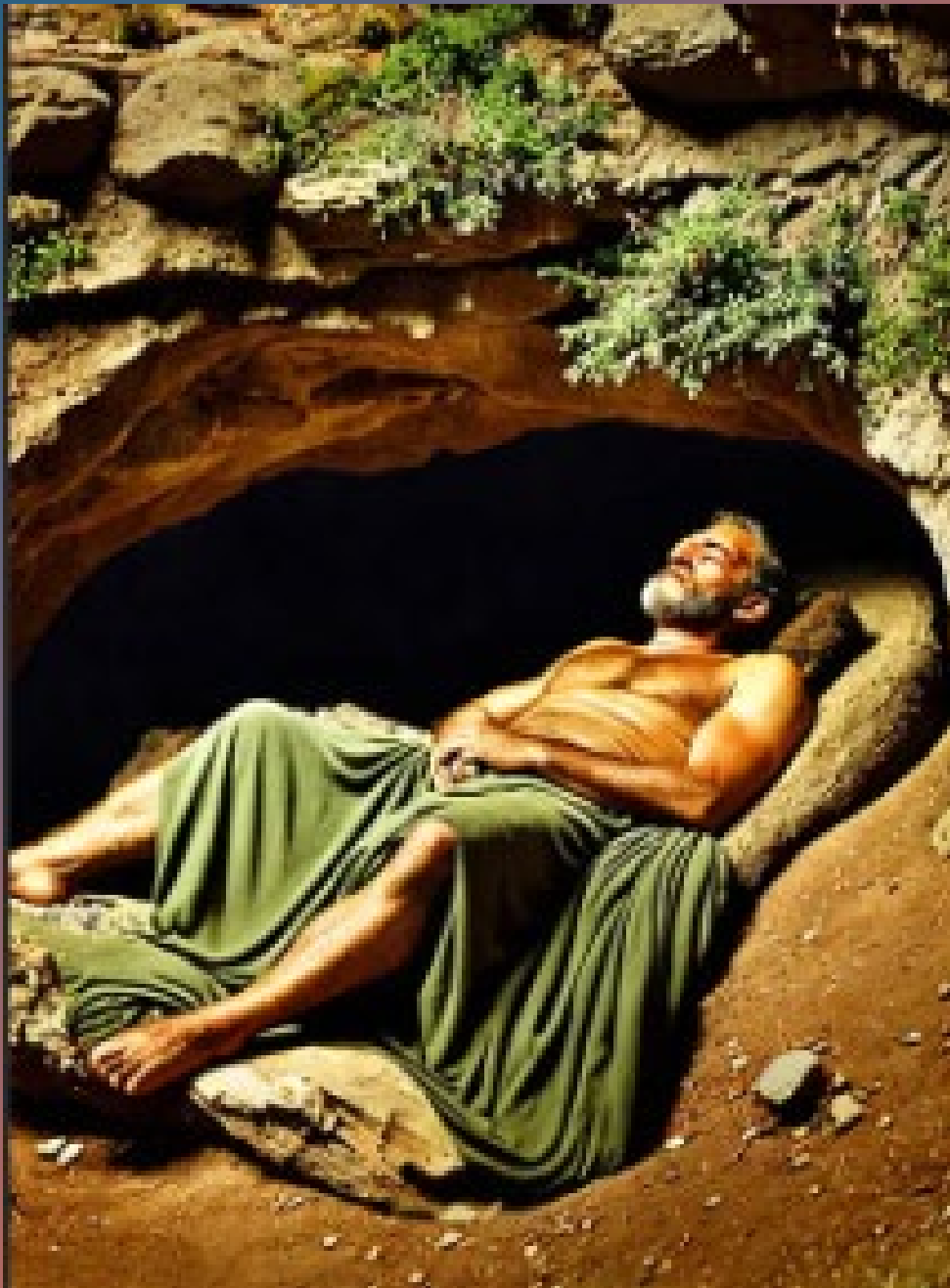


- Moses, Jesus, and Elijah, all went through **40 days and 40 nights of testing and trial**. (Exodus 24;18, 34;28, Matthew 4:2).
- Something very powerful in the life of a prophet is that sometimes God will allow their life to be an enactment.
- Elijah enacted God's leading of Israel with Moses through the wilderness 40 years (Elijah - 40 days) where God fed them mana, angel's food (Psalm 78).
- **Here Elijah is at Mount Horeb, the Mountain of God where Moses heard God speaking through the burning bush and where the law was given.**
- Horeb is not recorded to have been visited by any of the Hebrews after Moses, except by Elijah.

- When we try to run in our own strength (“**he HIMSELF** went – verse 4) we are headed for defeat and foolish prayers.
- It will then require a supernatural act of God to deliver us.
- Elijah ran almost 200 miles from the wicked queen DOWN to Beersheba and then he walked 40 days to go a distance that would normally take less than 10 traveling days.
- And he came THITHER (there) unto a CAVE, and **LODGED** there (stopped stayed all night); and, BEHOLD (revelation), the WORD of the LORD *came* to him (in REPROOF of cowardice), and he said unto him, What doest THOU (as my apprehended spokesman) HERE, (the place of DEPRESSION) Elijah? 1 Kings 19:9

**The MOUTH of the CAVE is the
EDGE of DEPRESSION.**





- Elijah LODGED at the CAVE.
- He stopped and stayed all night.
- Every prophet has **night seasons** and you stop and stay all night.
- But BEHOLD the WORD of the LORD came to HIM.
- This is an amazing thing. Right in the **MIDST of DEPRESSION** and **DARKNESS** and **LONELINESS** **GOD WILL SPEAK TO YOU.**
- God reproved him in his cowardice – “WHAT DOEST THOU?”
- God was saying, you are my APPOINTED Representative, YOU are my apprehended one.
- **WHAT are you doing HERE, ELIJAH?**



- The amazing thing is **Elijah** was right where **MOSES** was in Exodus 33:22.
 - And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, **that I will put thee (MOSES) in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand** while I pass by.
- The very cliff or HOLE of the ROCK where God put MOSES **when the glory passed by** was most likely the exact same place where Elijah had stopped.
- Elijah was physically, mentally, emotionally drained and exhausted and in DESPAIR.
- The Septuagint which is the Greek Old Testament indicates **this is the very cave where Moses was in, and now Elijah is here.**

Church People

- Self-Pity
- Have you been there?
- Lord, does anyone hear me when I speak?
- Real prophets can tell if someone is HEARING them when they speak.
- What will break the heart of real prophets is when they stand there and give the WORD of the LORD FAITHFULLY while evil damnable hellish spirits are right in their face mocking them.
- These are those who are “trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots” Jude 1:12
- These are those who are “speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron” 1 Timothy 4:2
- THESE are CHURCH PEOPLE!



Church People Can Break Your Heart

- What do you do?
- Leave them alone.
- There is nothing you can do about these types of people until GOD WAKES THEM UP.
- What tore Elijah down more than anything was not Jezebel. That was just the catalyst.
- What really wore him out was that GOD'S PEOPLE after all that the Lord had done and said through his ministry STILL DID NOT TURN.
- Parents and Pastors who speak truth know this feeling because children in the natural and children in the spiritual will BREAK YOUR HEART.



- Elijah said they, God's people, had done three things.
- He said they have **FORSAKEN**, left behind, **ABANDONED**, the **COVENANT**. They were cleaving to **OTHER GODS**. (BAAL)
- They have **THROWN DOWN the altars – TORE THEM DOWN**. They left the **REMEMBRANCE OF WORSHIP**.
- And third, they **SLEW the PROPHETS**. They were saying we don't want any more reproof or instruction.
- Elijah said, "I'm the only one left and they seek to my life to take it away."
 - 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.** 1 Kings 19:10



- God didn't blink an eye. He said, "GO FORTH, and STAND."
- "Go FORTH, and STAND (fast in the FAITH – 1 Cor 16:13) upon the MOUNT BEFORE (the face of) the LORD. And, behold, **the LORD PASSED BY** (as with MOSES in Ex 34:6), and a GREAT and STRONG **WIND** (mighty, bold, violent, Holy Spirit as in Acts 2:1-4) RENT (brake off, tear away) the MOUNTAINS, and BRAKE in PIECES (burst, shattered) the ROCKS BEFORE (the face of) the LORD; *but the LORD was NOT in the WIND*: and AFTER the WIND an **EARTHQUAKE** (vibration, uproar, shaking – Heb 12:25-29); *but the LORD was NOT in the EARTHQUAKE*:
- The STRONG WIND broke away or tore away the mountains.
- The **KINGDOMS BROKE IN PIECES**, burst, shattered the rocks before the face of the LORD.



- After the wind was the earthquake vibration, uproar, shaking.
- **But the LORD WAS NOT in the WIND or the EARTHQUAKE.**
- For **ye are not come unto the mount** that might be touched, and that burned with **fire**, nor unto **blackness**, and **darkness**, and **tempest**, Hebrews 12:1
 - You've not had to stand face to face with terror, flaming fire, gloom, darkness and a terrible storm as the Israelites did at Mount Sinai when God gave them his laws.
- God is saying, **it's not all about you, Elijah.**
- **It's just about ME and MY WORD, and MY COVENANT.**
- God is saying, "I brought you, Elijah, to the very place where I hid Moses in the cliff of the rock, and this earthquake, wind, and fire is just how it was on the mountain when I gave Moses the law.
- The law was given in the **THIRD MONTH** (Exodus 19:1)
- **PENTECOST** is in the **THRID MONTH**.
- A real genuine spirit-filled Pentecost is that the **LAW** of **GOD** is written on your **HEART**, not necessarily speaking in tongues.

Everything that can be shaken will be shaken.

Hebrews 12:27



Moses and Elijah on the Same Mountain of God

- God is taking Elijah back to the time of Moses and saying, “I’m reminding you that it’s not about you, it’s about my **LAW**, my **WORD**.”
- The **WIND**, the **EARTHQUAKE**, the **FIRE** were reminiscent of the time when God gave the law. The **SAME** mountain, the **SAME** place.
- Elijah had been called to **REVIVE** that law, especially the **first** two commandments which address IDOLATRY.
- Thou shall have no **OTHER GODS BEFORE ME**.
- Thou shall not make unto thyself **ANY GRAVEN IMAGE**.





- Verse 12 is a KEY verse.
- And AFTER the EARTHQUAKE a FIRE; *but* the LORD *was* NOT in the FIRE: and after the FIRE a STILL (quiet, calm, whisper – the SOUND of STILLNESS) SMALL (crushed) VOICE (sound, noise). 1 Kings 19:12
- Soft stillness, gentle blowing, gentle whisper.
- Pentecostal people like it LOUD and LONG, clanging and banging.
 - It isn't all about that at all.
- Sometimes you have to tell your soul to SHUT UP.



Do You Hear His Voice?

- There's people listening that are struggling in their MIND.
- Some of you are at a crossroads. You are struggling and you don't have to!
- The reason you are struggling is you are following your BRAIN and not your HEART.
- Stop it.
- You need to HEAR the **calm, sweet voice of JESUS.**
- There's a GROAN from the THRONE, from the TOP of the MOUNTAIN. There's a groan from the throne, **a CRY from the INNERMOST place.**
- Have you heard **HIS VOICE?**
- His voice is **ONE** sound, and **it is CALM.**



In the stillness, God

- **ONE VOICE, ONE SOUND** – problem solved.
- ONE sound **ceases FRUSTRATION.**
- ONE sound brings **HEALING.**
- ONE sound is **RESURRECTION.**
- ONE sound is **PEACE.**
- ONE sound is **GLORY TO GOD!**
- In the name of Jesus, I say **OPEN your EAR.**
- I prophesy in the Name of JESUS, **Open your ear and HEAR the sound of HIS VOICE.**
- The old hymn says, “And the **sound of his voice is so sweet**, the birds HUSH their singing.”

Forerunners

- The picture of Pentecost shows us there was a rushing mighty wind BEFORE the fire.
- The Wind, Earthquake and Fire were forerunners to the STILL SMALL VOICE.
- The giving of the Law preceded the spirit of the gospel of Jesus.
- We can liken the great and strong wind, the earthquake, and the fire to church HISTORY; the renewals, revivals, the movements.
- IMO, those days are OVER. They were here for a season and that work is finished.
- It is the Day of the Lord. **There's only one way to move now!**



**The Charismatic
Movement In
The United
States**

- The Spirit of Life in Jesus is a **STILL SMALL VOICE**.
- You have to be able to hear the **STILL SMALL VOICE**.
- The word **SMALL** is a **Key Word**.
- Mana was a **SMALL** thing.
- Jesus was a **SMALL** baby.
- The Word was made flesh and **tabernacled among us**.



- **He is the BREAD of LIFE.**
- When he came he was just a **SMALL bread in the manger**.
- Then on the Day of Atonement Aaron took the incense some of it was **CRUSHED** and **BEATEN very SMALL**. (Leviticus 16)
- **The BIGGEST PEOPLE on the planet are SMALL PEOPLE.**
- The **LOUDEST**, the most **FLAMBOYANT**, with all the **FLUFF** are not the real thing!
- Those who carry the **REAL DEAL** are **SMALL PEOPLE**!
- Lord, I want to be **SMALL**. **HUMBLE ME, LORD! HUMBLE ME! BREAK ME! CRUSH ME** till I am **SMALL**!
- **The only voice a prophet can hear is a STILL, SMALL VOICE.**



Humble Yourself Before God

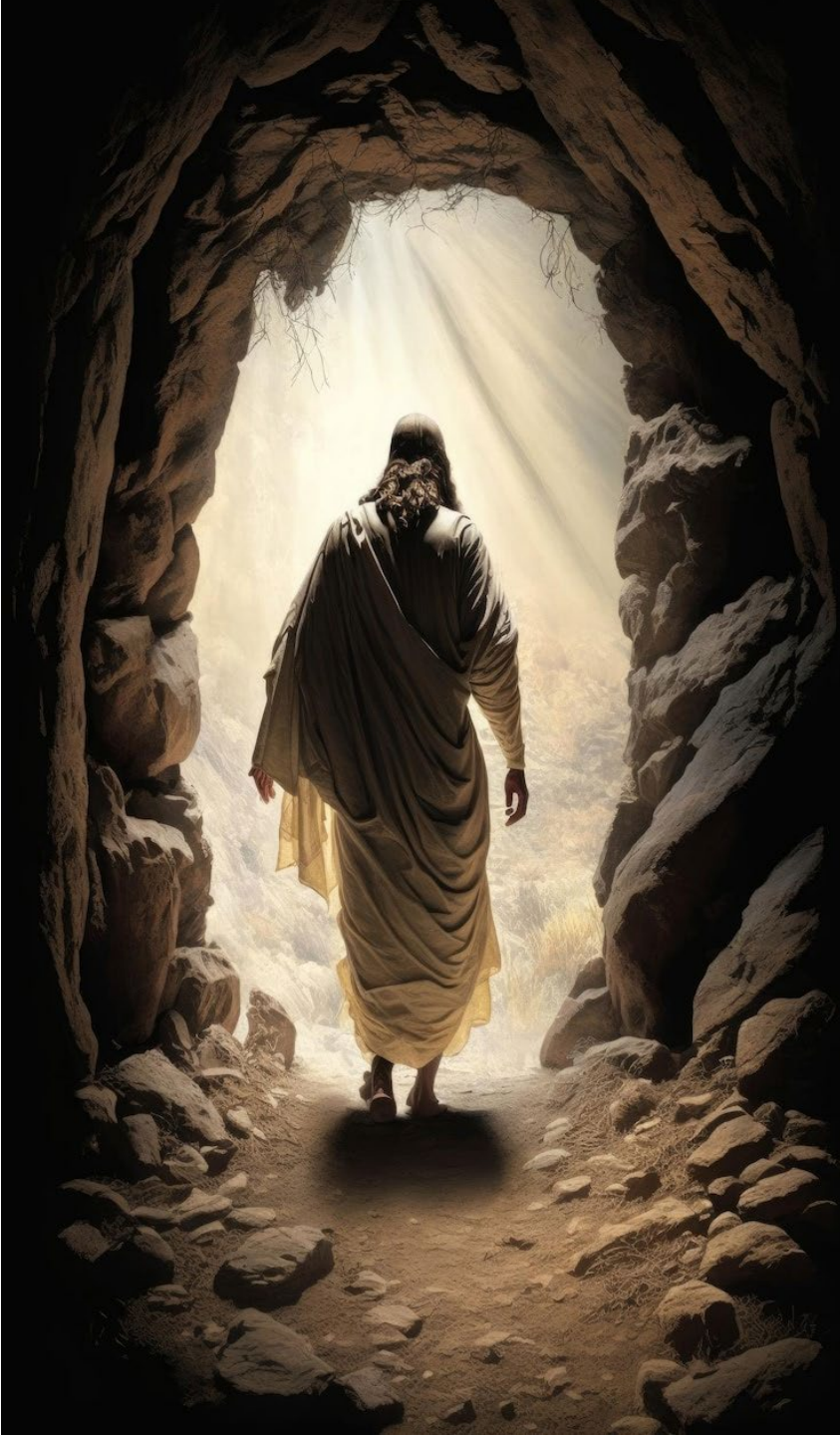
- There's only one way to hear the still small voice and that is you have to get small.
- **The only way to get small is for God to CRUSH YOU.**
- This is so against the **feel-good charismania** where everyone wants to get “stuff”.
- YOU ARE THE STUFF.
- Many church services are just sickening. The way they take offerings, the way they have church, the Praise and Worship is so full of flesh and sweat.
- The first time the crushing comes, many start rebuking devils that aren't there.
- **You and Me are the devils he wants to crush!**
- Your problem is YOU.
- My problem is ME.
- **God will do something with us, once we are SMALL.**

- How small are you?
- See many want to be SEEN. Get my 15 minutes of fame. Look at me. Look at me.
- That was Hamon in the book of Esther. “Hey Man” look at me.
- And it was so, when ELIJAH HEARD *it* (to hear intelligently; listen; obey Romans 10:17), that he **WRAPPED his FACE in his MANTLE** (shamefully afraid to look at the GLORY, Isaiah 6:2), and WENT OUT, and STOOD (his original calling was to STAND 1 Kings 17:1) in the **ENTERING IN of the CAVE**. And, **BEHOLD** (revelation), *there came* a **VOICE** unto him (the same QUESTION of verse 9), and said, **What doest thou HERE** (on the **EDGE** of **DEPRESSION** – a place of **SEMI-DARKNESS** where the prophet could not SEE but only HEAR), Elijah? 1 Kings 19:13
- Do you know why it was a shame for him to wrap his face in his mantle? Because **he didn’t think he was worthy to talk to God face to face**.
- **So, he hid his face like Moses veiled under the law, afraid to look at the Glory.**

ELIJAH, you are CALLED to STAND IN the GLORY.



ELIJAH, YOU are CALLED TO BE the GLORY!



- He went OUT of the DARKNESS and STOOD, that was his original calling. He was to STAND.
 - He said “The Lord before whom I STAND”.
 - So, every time the Lord tells Elijah to STAND somewhere, he is right back in his original calling.
 - He was called to STAND.
- So, he’s coming back. He GOES OUT.
- God would not speak to him as long as he was in the cave.
- **When we are in depression, we have to at least get up and come out to the EDGE of depression to HEAR the VOICE of GOD.**

- Your face might be veiled in shame, but you can still HEAR God.
- With your face veiled that means you're ashamed to speak, to smell, to discern, to see, to hear, "I'm not worthy", pity party time.
- God never comes to a Pity Party!
- The voice came in this place of semi-darkness where you can't see, but you can only HEAR God.
 - **WHAT are you doing HERE???**
- You will come into places in your walk as a Prophet **where you can't see anything. All you can do is HEAR.** All you have is a WORD.
- Just like Moses hid or covered his face, Elijah was afraid to look on God. So, he wrapped his face in his mantle.





- Elijah went out and stood in the original calling at the entrance of the cave.
- **He wrapped his face in his mantle.**
- Zechariah 13:4 talks about the “**rough garment**” of **the Prophet**; a robe of coarse hair, a hairy mantle.
 - And it shall come to pass in that day, ***that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied***; neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive: Zechariah 13:4
- A false prophet will assume the dress and demeanor of a real prophet.
- Just because you look like a prophet doesn't make you one.



- The word, **mantle**, is mentioned five times. That symbolizes **GRACE**.
- Elijah's mantle symbolized his **ANOINTING**.
- The word means **AMPLE**, a large vine, a wide dress, glory, splendor, magnificence, cloak, wide, large, powerful, great, or majestic, excellent, gallant, worthy.
- This is the same word as referred to the skirt of Boaz, the kinsman redeemer in Ruth 3:9.
 - And he said, Who *art* thou? And she answered, I *am* Ruth thine handmaid: **spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid**; for thou *art* a near kinsman.
- **The mantle is the ANOINTING!**

Self-Pity

- Then Elijah repeated the same self-pity.
- They've done this, they've done that, and now they want to take my life.
- 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.** 1 Kings 2:14

- And the LORD said unto him, Go, RETURN (restoration) on thy WAY (road, path, course) to the WILDERNESS of DAMASCUS: and when thou comest, **ANOINT** (to rub with oil, consecrate, smear) HAZAEL to be **KING** over SYRIA:
- 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 2:15-16
- Say RETURN!
- How many times have you heard that in your life.
- It means **RESTORATION**, turn back, **go back to the starting point**.
- The reason many of us struggle or are confused is we get away from the original calling upon our lives.
- The Will of God is what you are good at. Your giftings and talents to be used for the Kingdom.
 - Stop trying to be like everybody else!
 - There's nobody as anointed as you are, when you are anointed.
 - We all have different ways to minister the Word of God to others.
 - We don't all teach or preach the same way – the same message but in different ways.
- This is the way I write, study, teach, think – we are all unique.



- He said, **Elijah, RETURN, You RAN,** Your Faith WANED,
- **Return Son! Get back on the path, Son!**
- Many of you do not need another Word of Prophecy, you need to OBEY the first Word you got. – **GO, RETURN, RETURN, RETURN.**
- You have a call on your life!
- Don't think about it – Just do it – do what you have to do.

It's Time to Speak to Kings

- And **ELISHA** the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou **ANOINT** to be **PROPHET** (one who speaks or sings by inspiration; spokesman) in thy ROOM (instead of, in exchange for; to succeed, to replace you as my prophet). 1 Kings 19:16
- Get out of the CAVE, Elijah, for **IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO SPEAK TO KINGS!**
- **Elijah, what are you doing in this hell hole when I've called you to SPEAK TO KINGS!**
- I don't care how you FEEL, Elijah. I don't care that you're TIRED, WORN OUT, and that nobody loves you, everybody hates you, and you want to go home and eat worms.
 - This is how God speaks to Prophets.

- Be careful how you deal with Prophets.
- Most people can't handle real prophets.
- God isn't mean, and favor isn't fair.
- Prophets need GRACE because they have a lot on them.
- God is saying to Elijah – step out of the depression – get out the cave, I'm going to help you with all you are struggling with. I'm going to heal you and help you **because you are called to SPEAK TO KINGS.**
- If you have a mentality of “I'm not worthy”, then this position of prophetic is not for you.



What are you doing HERE, Elijah?

- God looked at his servant, Elijah, and said **what are you doing here?** This is totally different from who you really are – who I've called you to be.
- Where you are Elijah has nothing to do with me (God).
- Everything outside of him is a LYING VANITY.
- **What are you doing HERE, Elijah?**



- Elijah: Jezebel's mad at me. ☹️
- God: Then go prophesy her death. The dogs will eat her. Go, do it.
- The dogs have eaten dung before; they won't mind eating her.
- These were junkyard dogs. Where they dumped the garbage by the wall, where the vultures and buzzards came. They dumped the sewage there and GARBAGE.
- **What are you doing HERE, Elijah?**
- It is the TIME for us to be TEACHERS – **What are you doing here?**
- How long are you going to play? Another five, ten years?
- **What are you doing HERE? Wake UP!**

You Have a Commission

- You might say, “But God, I want you to be gentle” But God is rough on the FLESH.
- Jehovah does not give place to Elijah’s FEELINGS.
- God commanded him to RETURN to the path of FAITH from which he had deviated in FEAR by listening to Jezebel’s voice.
- God then commissioned him to impart the anointing in three realms.
- Anoint Hazel of Syria – GOD HAS SEEN
- Anoint Jehu – JEHOVAH IS HE
- Anoint Elisha – GOD IS SALVATION
- This was a three-fold progression

You Are Not Alone

- 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. 1 Kings 19:17
 - All these were ministers of **the Lord's vengeance against IDOLATRY.**
 - **God would JUDGE SIN!**
- It's still not about Elijah, And so the Lord helps him understand in verse 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. 1 Kings 19:18
 - **You're not alone, Elijah.** God said I have 7,000 whose knees have not bowed in reverence prostrated unto Baal.
 - This is God's answer to Elijah's depressed whining. There's a lot of mouths that hadn't kissed Baal.



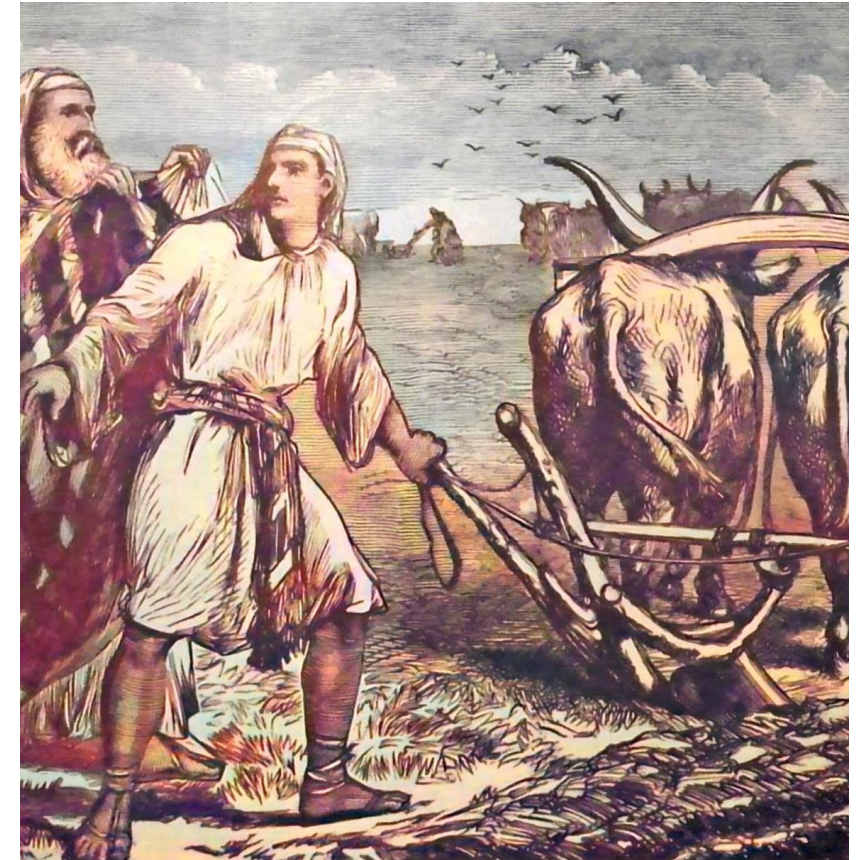
Prayers -- Praying

- Romans 11:25 says that the 7,000 reveals **the principle of the remnant.**
 - For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. Romans 11:25
- Wonder where were 7000 worshippers were when Elijah was up on Mount Carmel.
- Have you ever wondered where people are when you need them?
 - Often, we are “churchese” saying, I love you, I’m praying for you; but how often do we help others in need?



The Mantle Passed Down

- So, he **DEPARTED** thence, and **FOUND ELISHA** (God is Salvation) the son of SHAPHAT (judge), who *was* PLOWING *with* TWELVE YOKE of OXEN (team, pair, couple) BEFORE (his face) him, and HE with the TWELFTH: and ELIJAH PASSED BY) HIM, (crossed over to him) and **CAST (throw down) his MANTLE UPON (denotes motion towards) him**. 1 Kings 19:19
- The mantle is an **office**. It is an **anointing**. It is a **SACRED** thing.
- There is a special judgment reserved for those who speak against another who has an anointing.
 - But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core (Antichrist). Jude 1:10-11
- **There's people that are actually praying against the thing that God has called you to. They are praying for it to fail.**
- We can't help people with that mindset.



You are Anointed to Anoint!

- God paid no attention to how Elijah felt, with his fears He just said "Come out to the edge of depression Here's your assignment Go return, **Anoint** Hazel, **Anoint** Jehu, **Anoint** Elisha.
- Verse 19 to 21 was Elisha's calling
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- Elijah "**FOUND**" Elisha – Found (discovered, recognized) his successor
- Elisha was from **Abelmeholah** (meadow of dancing), a city located in the tribe of **Issachar** (under contract - worth).
- **God through Elijah chose and ordained Elisha.**
- **God chooses and ordains us!**
 - 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**. John 15:16

Father and Son

- Elisha's contact with the mantle (anointing) of Elijah was a LIFE-CHANGING experience.
- **It was imitated the principal of ADOPTION, because a FATHER clothes his SON!**
- And Elisha saw *it* (the Chariot in the Whirlwind), and he cried, **My father, my father**, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. 2 Kings 2:22



The Redeemed of the Lord **Shall Return**

Therefore **the redeemed of the LORD shall return**, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy *shall* be upon their head: **they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away**. Isaiah 51:11



A photograph of a person standing on a rocky outcrop, looking out from a cave opening. The sun is rising brightly, creating a lens flare effect, and the landscape is a vast, hazy mountain range. The image is split vertically, with the left side showing the cave interior and the right side being white with text.

RETURN!

- God is calling you out of the cave of depression.
- Come to the edge so you can hear his voice.
 - Return to your calling.
- God needs YOU to anoint Kings and Sons and Daughters!