

Elijah: Prophet of Fire

Part 4: When God Passes By

Context:

1 Kings 19:1-8 (ESV)

¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs 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 broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵ And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶ And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸ And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

From the **mountaintop** to the **wilderness ... What** drove Elijah there?

_____ *He met someone as committed to Baal as he was to God!*

Lack of _____ *Certainly not the same confidence he displayed at Mt. Carmel, right? ...*

What might this tell us about the nature of faith?

And maybe, _____ *Simply worn out --- tired from the fight*

Why did Elijah go into the wilderness?

God's intervention: 1 Kings 19:5-8

This is not the first time Elijah has been miraculously fed or spoken to by God is it?

What do you think that reminder did for Elijah?

God _____ to Elijah and then He _____ him!

He _____ him until he was ready to _____ Him!

God's plan was to get Elijah to ...

What else happened here in Israel's history?

God's **big question**:

1 Kings 19:9 (ESV)

⁹ There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "**What are you doing here, Elijah?**"

Elijah's **reply**:

1 Kings 19:10 (ESV)

¹⁰ He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

1. *It's not* _____

2. *It's not* _____

3. *I'm all* _____

The **voice of God**:

1 Kings 19:11-12 (ESV)

¹¹ And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke 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 the sound of a low whisper.

What do these occurrences mean? How should we understand and interpret them?

How does this event elevate Elijah among Bible characters?

God repeats the **big question**:

1 Kings 19:13 (ESV)

¹³ And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "**What are you doing here, Elijah?**"

The 1st time he asked, the question was about Elijah's _____.

This time, the question is about his _____.

What he does _____ *will form his destiny. It was that important.*

Elijah again **responded**:

1 Kings 19:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

Elijah's perspective was ...

What's the remedy when I'm emotionally distraught? (When I just don't 'feel' it anymore?)

God's instruction:

1 Kings 19:15-18 (ESV)

¹⁵ And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷ And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

God's message?

3 commands, 1 reality check (and their implications):

Anoint _____ – *I am God over all people and places*

Anoint _____ – *I am still God over Israel*









Anoint _____ – *My word and my power will continue!*

" _____ " – *There's so much you don't see and don't know!*

A few lessons to be learned ...

Next week: *A Chariot of Fire*

THE WHOLE STORY OF THE BIBLE

							
<p>CREATION</p> <p>Genesis 1:31</p>	<p>HUMAN BEINGS</p> <p>Genesis 1:27-28</p>	<p>SIN and THE FALL</p> <p>Genesis 3:6-7</p>	<p>SEED OF REDEMPTION</p> <p>Genesis 3:15</p>	<p>ABRAHAM</p> <p>Genesis 12:2-3</p>	<p>JUDAH the KING</p> <p>Genesis 49:10</p>	<p>PASSOVER LAMB</p> <p>Exodus 12:23</p>	<p>KING DAVID</p> <p>2 Samuel 7:12-13</p>