

Mountain of Whisper

A dramatic landscape of mountains shrouded in mist or low clouds. The foreground features a large, dark mountain peak with a steep, rocky slope. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible, partially obscured by a thick layer of white mist or low clouds. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall atmosphere is serene and majestic.

1 Kings 19

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1 Kings 19:

8 So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God. 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 And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, torn down Thine altars and killed Thy prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." 11 So He said, "Go forth, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking 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.



1 Kings 19:

12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. 13 And it came about when Elijah heard it, that 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?" 14 Then he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, torn down Thine altars and killed Thy prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away."



1 Kings 19:

15 And 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. 17 "And it shall come about, the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall put to death. 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."

What are you doing here?

- Such a strange question for God to ask...
- We ask this of ourselves all the time!
- It is not so much about the place, but the situation!
 - Elijah had had a good “run”:
 - Years without rain since ch 17
 - The God of FIRE has answered – ch 18
 - Baal’s prophets destroyed, rain falls... and Elijah?

God Who Follows and Feeds

- Elijah outruns a chariot (18:46) and Jezebel (19:3)
- And God... He feeds him! (5-7) TWICE!
- Horeb, the Mountain of God
- “I have been very zealous for the Lord...I alone”
 - Winning for God can make us see more failures...
 - WE see what has not been done, rather than His plan
 - Elijah focused on Jezebel rather than God...

God Who Responds

- Go and Stand!... Before the LORD! (11) Passing by...
 - What an amazing time to be there
 - A STRONG WIND – rends mountains, breaking rocks
 - An EARTHQUAKE
 - FIRE - but the Lord was not in them
 - A gentle blowing - “a sound of soft stillness”
 - And THAT gets Elijah’s attention??? (13)

God of Focus

- God responds as only He can:
 - He gives Elijah 3 tasks!
 - Anoint a foreign King (broader picture of His plan)
 - Anoint a local King (I am still working here)
 - Anoint your replacement! (Elisha)
- Oh, and by the way... you can't count!!! 7,000!!! Not 1
 - What are YOU DOING HERE???