

January 15, 2014
“Will 2014 be any Different Emotionally?”
1 Kings 19:1-18

- I. God Receives our Complaints **“I have had enough Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers.”** (4, cf 14)

- II. God Refreshes our Discouraged Attitude **“Suddenly an angel touched him. The angel told him ‘Get up and eat.’”** (5)

- III. God Responds to our Anxiety **“What are you doing here, Elijah?”** (9)

- IV. God Reveals Purpose to our Aimlessness **“Go out and stand on the mountain in the Lord’s presence.”** (11)

- V. God Reassures us in times of Uncertainty **“Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go and return by the way you came...I will leave 7,000 in Israel-every knee that has not bowed to Baal...’** (15, 18)

1Ki 19:1-18 Ahab told Jezebel everything that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. (2) So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "May the gods punish me and do so severely if I don't make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow!" (3) Then Elijah became afraid and immediately ran for his life. When he came to Beer-sheba that belonged to Judah, he left his servant there, (4) but he went on a day's journey into the wilderness. He sat down under a broom tree and prayed that he might die. He said, "*I have had* enough! LORD, take my life, for I'm no better than my fathers." (5) Then he lay down and slept under the broom tree. Suddenly, an angel touched him. The angel told him, "Get up and eat." (6) Then he looked, and there at his head was a loaf of bread baked over hot stones, and a jug of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again. (7)

Then the angel of the LORD returned for a second time and touched him. He said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." (8) So he got up, ate, and drank. Then on the strength from that food, he walked 40 days and 40 nights to Horeb, the mountain of God. (9) He entered a cave there and spent the night. Then the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (10) He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of Hosts, but the Israelites have abandoned Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are looking for me to take my life." (11) Then He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the LORD's presence." At that moment, the LORD passed by. A great and mighty wind was tearing at the mountains and was shattering cliffs before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. (12) After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was a voice, a soft whisper. (13) When Elijah heard *it*, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Suddenly, a voice came to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (14) "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of Hosts," he replied, "but the Israelites have abandoned Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they're looking for me to take my life." (15) Then the LORD said to him, "Go and return by the way you came to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you arrive, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. (16) You are to anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. (17) Then Jehu will put to death whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death whoever escapes the sword of Jehu. (18) But I will leave 7,000 in Israel--every knee that has not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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