

# In Quest of Quietness

*Jas 5:17 Elias (Elijah) was a man subject to like passions as we are...*

## 1) If the Lord be God—Follow Him

*1Ki 18:21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.*

*1Ki 18:37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.*

*1Ki 18:38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.*

*1Ki 18:39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.*

*1Ki 18:40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.*

## 2) Ahab reports to Jezebel

*1Ki 19:1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.*

- A) Not to convert her—But to anger her
- B) Not what God had done—But what Elijah had done
- C) Not all “her” prophets—But “the” prophets

## 3) Jezebel’s threat

*1Ki 19:2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger 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 by to morrow about this time.*

- A) Carnal hearts are hardened by that which should convert
- B) She swore by the gods who were publicly mocked the day before
- C) Why give Elijah 24 hours? Perhaps she was more afraid than he

## 4) Elijah’s reaction

*1Ki 19:3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.*

*1Ki 19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.*

- A) He stands by the altar when God sends fire
- B) He abandons ship when a woman sends threats

*1Ki 18:7 And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord Elijah?*

- C) He flees death in order to plea death
- D) He pleads death who would never face death

## 5) Instead of sending death—God sent an angel to keep Elijah alive

*1Ki 19:5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.*

## 6) The journey is too great for thee

*1Ki 19:6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.*

*1Ki 19:7 And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.*

*1Ki 19:8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.*

- A) He hoped to die in his sleep—But was touched by an angel of God
- B) Strengthened by food from heaven
- C) How many times is the journey too great for us?
- D) Forty days in the wilderness—Compared to forty years
- E) Oh to be strengthened in order to get to the Mount of God

## 6) What doest thou here, Elijah?

*1Ki 19:9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?*

**A) What doest thou here? Perhaps his answer lies in the following**

*Jer 9:2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.*

*Psa 55:6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.*

*Psa 55:7 Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.*

*Psa 55:8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.*

**B) What doest thou (of all people) here, Elijah?**

**Thou, the one who was fed by ravens—And by the never ending handful**

**Thou, who prayed the dead up—And the fire down**

**C) What doest thou here (of all places), Elijah?**

**Is this a time of retreat? —a time of abandonment?**

**My miracle was to precede my word**

**8) Elijah's account of himself**

*1Ki 19:10 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.*

**A) Our zeal should not be swallowed up by lack of success**

*2Co 4:8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;*

*2Co 4:9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;*

**B) All have forsaken the cause—I am alone**

*Num 11:14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.*

*Num 11:15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.*

**C) He made intercession against his people**

*Rom 11:2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,*

*Rom 11:3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.*

**D) They seek my life**

*1Sa 30:6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.*

**9) God's appearance to Elijah**

*1Ki 19:11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake 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:*

*1Ki 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.*

*1Ki 19:13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave.*

**A) God hid Moses in the cleft—He calls Elijah from the cave**

*Exo 33:22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:*

**B) The Lord was not in the wind, earthquake and fire—But in the still small voice**

**C) Elijah did not cover his face at the wind, quake and fire—But at the voice**

**D) After the tempest, the quaking and the fire of Sinai comes Christ**

**E) God's people are more affected by the voice of Christ than the terror of Sinai**

**10) The same hard question gets the same excuse**

*1Ki 19:13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?*

*1Ki 19:14 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.*

**11) Yet the still small voice gives help**

*1Ki 19:15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:*

*1Ki 19:16 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.*

*1Ki 19:17 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.*

*1Ki 19:18 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.*

**A) I am jealous for mine own cause—But will do it my way in my time**

**B) All that are left are not our enemies**

*Rom 11:2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,*

*Rom 11:3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.*

*Rom 11:4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.*

*Rom 11:5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.*

**12) Elisha leaves the farm—Has a feast—And follows**

*1Ki 19:19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.*

*1Ki 19:20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?*

*1Ki 19:21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.*

**13) Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are**

**A) Job**

*Jas 5:10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.*

*Jas 5:11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.*

**B) Habakkuk**

*Hab 1:1 The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.*

*Hab 3:17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:*

*Hab 3:18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.*

**C) Paul**

*Php 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.*

*Php 4:5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.*

*Php 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*

*Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

**D) Peter**

*1Pe 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:*

*1Pe 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

**E) James**

*Jas 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;*

*Jas 1:3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.*

*Jas 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

**F) Jesus**

*Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

*Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

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