

From Mountain to Mountain? ~ 1 Kings 19

→Scripture Reading- 1 Kings 18-36-39

INTRODUCTION

1 Kings 18:37-40 (NLT) ³⁷ ...O LORD, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.” ³⁸ Immediately the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench!

Dealing Decisively with the FALSE Prophets of Baal ~ 1 Kings 18:39-46

³⁹ And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, The LORD - HE is God! Yes, the LORD is God!” ⁴⁰ Then Elijah commanded, “Seize all the prophets of Baal. Don’t let a single one escape!” So the people seized them ALL, and Elijah took them down to the Kishon Valley and killed them there.

James 5:17-18 (ESV) Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he PRAYED FERVENTLY that it MIGHT NOT RAIN, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he PRAYED AGAIN, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

^{18:45} In a little while, the sky grew dark with clouds and wind, and there was a downpour...

IMPLICATION

Deuteronomy 13:4-5 (NLT) Serve only the LORD your God and fear Him alone. Obey His commands, listen to His voice, and cling to Him. ⁵ The false prophets or visionaries who try to lead you astray MUST be put to death, for they encourage rebellion against the LORD your God, who redeemed you from slavery and brought you out of the land of Egypt. Since they try to lead you astray FROM the way the LORD your God commanded you to live, YOU MUST PUT THEM TO DEATH. In this way you will purge the evil from among you.

Deuteronomy 13:4 (NAS) You shall FOLLOW the LORD your God and FEAR Him; and you shall KEEP His commandments, LISTEN to His voice, SERVE Him, and CLING to Him.

Moses said...

- FOLLOW the Lord YOUR God
- REVERE the Lord ONLY
- OBEY His Commands
- LISTEN to His Voice
- SERVE Him
- CLING to HIM

Hebrews 12:3 (NIV) Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Jezebel VOWS to KILL Elijah ~ 1 Kings 19:1-4

¹ When Ahab got home, he told Jezebel everything Elijah had done, including the way he had killed all the prophets of Baal. ² So Jezebel sent this message to Elijah: “May the gods strike me and even kill me if by this time tomorrow I have not killed you just as you killed them. ³ Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. (NLT)

→MAP

³ Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. ⁴ Then he went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day. He sat down under a solitary broom tree and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died.”

ELIJAH was... HOTC

- EXHAUSTED physically, emotionally, spiritually
- DISILLUSIONED Discouraged Depressed
- DISTORTED in his Perspective

Hebrews 12:3 (NIV) Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Elijah's JOURNEY ~ 1 Kings 19:5-10

⁵ Then he lay down and slept under the broom tree. But as he was sleeping, an angel touched him and told him, "Get up and eat!" ⁶ He looked around and there beside his head was some bread baked on hot stones and a jar of water! So he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ Then the angel of the LORD came again and touched him and said, "Get up and eat some more, or the journey ahead will be too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank, and the food gave him enough strength to travel forty days and forty nights to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he came to a cave, where he spent the night... (NLT)

→ Beersheba to Mt. Horeb

⁹ ...But the LORD said to him, "What are you doing HERE, Elijah?" ¹⁰ Elijah replied, "I have zealously served the LORD God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with You, torn down Your altars, and killed every one of Your prophets. I am the ONLY ONE left, and now they are trying to kill me, too."

IMPLICATION

⁹ ...But the LORD said to him, "What are you doing HERE, Elijah?"

Mt. Sinai Final Destination? ~ 1 Kings 19:11-10

¹¹ "Go out and stand before me on the mountain," the LORD told him. And as Elijah stood there, the LORD passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain. It was such a terrible blast that the rocks were torn loose, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And a voice said, "What are you doing HERE, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He replied again, "I have zealously served the LORD God Almighty. But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too."

¹⁵ Then the LORD told him, "Go back the same way you came..."

¹⁸ Yet I will preserve 7,000 others in Israel who have never bowed down to Baal or kissed him!"

TAKE AWAY ??

Isaiah 43:1-3 (NIV) ¹ ...this is what the LORD says - He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³ For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior..."