

## Week 7 Elijah the Prophet.

Wednesday Bible Study

### The LORD Appears to Elijah. 1 Kings 19:9-18

#### 1. Elijah, living in BC.. Verses 9-10

Elijah in his weakened state is now not seeing things as they truly are in Israel. It is not all Israel that is idol worshipping now. He is still thinking that it is before the showdown at Mt. Carmel. The real source of rebellion and evil is Jezrebel. In fact many had turned in repentance to the LORD, but they as well must contend with the reality that Ahab and Jezebel are still in power. (1 Kings 18:39) God chose him to take that public role, but that doesn't mean he is the only one serving the LORD. He needs to continue to place his hope in the LORD.

IS. 40:28-31

#### 2. God meets Elijah to Refresh Him once again. Verse 11-14

All of this is done to establish once again in Elijah's heart that God is sovereign. He is the LORD God. Psalm 18:1-15. Interestingly, these are signs of the Lord's coming. They should establish to us the presence of God in our lives— dangerous as they are= they bear witness of God's power. Psalm 148:7-13 Don't fear nature— fear God who is sovereign over nature.

#### 3. God's Next Assignment. Verses 15-17.

As it turns out, Elijah will only complete one of these— the anointing of Elisha as prophet. God is about to begin a new chapter in HIS story— and it will not include Elijah. Finish Well! Keep busy about the LORD's work. Idle hands are the devil's workshop. If you have breath in your lungs, God isn't finished using you. You may think it's over, but it's not as long as he has you here on this earth! (2 Timothy 4:7) He has things for you to do! And by the way you aren't alone! Verses 18. The story is bigger than any one individual. Even someone playing a such a key role as Elijah is playing.

Elijah needed to hear from God. He wanted His presence.— He went to such a place probably because it was on this mountain that Moses encountered God 600 years earlier. Exodus 33:14-22

**God is still speaking today**— primarily through His word and the ministry of teaching. However he is speaking all the time. Charles Stanley in his wonderful book How to Listen to God gives some wonderful insights into this subject. He writes:

We must listen expectantly. Jeremiah 33:3

We must listen quietly. Psalm 46:10

We must listen patiently. Acts 16:6-10

We must listen actively. Colossians 3:16

We must listen confidently. Matt. 7:11

We must listen openly, carefully and attentively .

Hindrances to Listening to God:

We don't know God.

We have a poor view of ourselves/Unbelief.

Business— too much noise in our lives.

God directed anger.

Harboring sin in our lives.

