

Overwhelmed Series

# A TRUTH FOR THE WILLING

## 1 KINGS 19:10-14

Text:

Introduction:

God speaks to mankind in various different ways.

Sometimes He speaks through THE SCRIPTURES, at other times God speaks through sicknesses, at times He may speak by sorrow or simply by a still small voice.

The prophet Elijah in 1 Kings 19:13 was privileged to hear God speak to him in a still small voice.

Elijah had heard God speak to him many times, but never in this sort of manner.

God had wrought many miracles through Elijah and gave him the words to speak, but never had God spoke to him in a still small voice.

In 1 Kings 19:1-21, the prophet had reached a point in his ministry where he felt like quitting and just dying, but God had different plans for Elijah.

The prophet had just faced down 850 prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel.

He had seen the miraculous hand of God Who sent down fire from heaven attesting to the fact that He was THE TRUE GOD, yet in v4, we see Elijah saying,

"It is enough: O LORD, take away my life: For I am not better than my fathers."

God had protected the prophet all down through his ministry from the evil Jezebel, but now we see the prophet fleeing for his life for fear of Jezebel and requesting God to take his life.

We shouldn't condemn Elijah for his words, for haven't we spoke similar ones? "LORD, why don't you just come back now?" Or "LORD, take me on to Glory." I

t is these times that we need to hear God's still small voice as Elijah heard it. The still small voice of God brought encouragement to Elijah's heart and it will to ours, if only we will listen!

That still small voice speaks even today!

The still small voice brought 3 things to Elijah's life, as it will to ours.

Notice this Still Small Voice Was:

# 1. CONVICTING

## **1 Kings 19:11-13**

<sup>11</sup> *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: <sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. <sup>13</sup> 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?*

God's still small voice speaks:

### A. The Word of God (vs. 9)

## **1 Kings 19:9**

<sup>9</sup> *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?*

## **Psalm 119:9**

<sup>9</sup> *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.*

**Psalm 119:11**

<sup>11</sup> *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

**Psalm 119:105**

<sup>105</sup> *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

**Hebrews 4:12**

<sup>12</sup> *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

God's still small voice speaks:

B. The Will of God

**Romans 8:26-28**

<sup>26</sup> *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.* <sup>27</sup> *And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.* <sup>28</sup> *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

Notice this Still Small Voice Was Convicting but also it is:

## 2. CONVINCING

### **1 Kings 19:14-17**

*<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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: <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.*

Note:

#### A. He Followed the Command

In v15 God commands Elijah—"Go..." and according to v19, Elijah "departed thence." When we hear the still small voice, we MUST heed what it says.

### **James 1:22-25**

<sup>22</sup> But **be ye doers** of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. <sup>23</sup> For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: <sup>24</sup> For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

We are told not only to HEAR the WORD but also to HEED the WORD!

#### B. He Found Confidence in the Lord

When God speaks we MUST LISTEN, trust, and obey!

Notice this Still Small Voice Was Convicting and Was Convincing but also it is:

## **3. COMFORTING**

### **1 Kings 19:18**

<sup>18</sup> 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. He Found Comfort in God's Presence

Elijah was not alone! Neither are WE! The Lord promised in John 14:16-17, 26:

**John 14:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;* <sup>17</sup> *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

**John 14:26**

<sup>26</sup> *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

B. He Found Comfort in God's Power

God's Voice always brings comfort! The wonderful love and power of God brings comfort to us as we face the difficulties of life. The Psalmist said in Psalm 119:76:

**Psalm 119:76**

<sup>76</sup> *Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant.*

He had no source of comfort in himself, and he had no claim on God for comfort. It was through mercy alone that he could have happiness of any kind.

Elijah found comfort in the power and presence of God. God was there with Him and has promised to be with us at all times.

**Hebrews 13:5**

*<sup>5</sup> Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Close:

As God speaks – are we listening?

May we not be like the Israelites but rather:

**Hebrews 3:7-8**

*<sup>7</sup> Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:*