

## **GOD CAN SPEAK THROUGH A WHISPER THE VOICE OF A SHEPHERD SERIES, Part 5**

When Ahab got home, he told Jezebel everything Elijah had done, including the way he had killed all the prophets of Baal. **1 Kings 19:1<sup>1</sup>**

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.” **1 Kings 19:2**

Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. **1 Kings 19:3**

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.” **1 Kings 19:4**

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!” **1 Kings 19:5**

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. **1 Kings 19:6**

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.”  
**1 Kings 19:7**

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.**  
**1 Kings 19:8**

There he came to a cave, where he spent the night. But the LORD said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” **1 Kings 19:9**

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...  
**1 Kings 19:10a**

...and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too.” **1 Kings 19:10b**

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<sup>1</sup> All Scripture references are from the NLT unless otherwise stated.

“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... **1 Kings 19:11a**

...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. **1 Kings 19:11b**

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** (*a still small voice, a tiny silent sound*). **1 Kings 19:12**

**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?”** **1 Kings 19:13 (NLT)**

#### **FIVE OBSERVATIONS ON A WHISPER FROM GOD**

##### **1. STAY OUT THERE UNTIL YOU HEAR FROM GOD!**

##### **2. GOD’S WHISPER IS AS POWERFUL AS HIS SHOUT**

It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it. So shall my word be that goes forth... **Isaiah 55:11**

##### **3. SOMETIMES GOD WHISPERS TO GET OUR ATTENTION**

##### **4. GOD’S WHISPER IS HEARD WITH THE HEART, NOT THE EARS**

##### **5. YOU WILL MISS GOD’S WHISPER IF YOU ARE CONSTANTLY SURROUNDED BY NOISE**