



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

1 Kings 19: 9-16

At the mountain of God, Horeb,
Elijah came to a cave, where he took shelter.
But the word of the LORD came to him,
"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD;
the LORD will be passing by."
A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains
and crushing rocks before the LORD—
but the LORD was not in the wind.
After the wind there was an earthquake—
but the LORD was not in the earthquake.
After the earthquake there was fire—
but the LORD was not in the fire.
After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound.
When he heard this,
Elijah hid his face in his cloak
and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.
A voice said to him, "Elijah, why are you here?"
He replied, "I have been most zealous for the LORD,
the God of hosts.
But the children of Israel have forsaken your covenant,
torn down your altars,
and put your prophets to the sword.
I alone am left, and they seek to take my life."

The LORD said to him,
"Go, take the road back to the desert near Damascus.
When you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king of Aram.
Then you shall anoint Jehu, son of Nimshi, as king of Israel,
and Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah,
as prophet to succeed you."

Our Scripture Reflection

Elijah went to the mountain top because he expected a dramatic communication from God but he received no such thing. It was in a small whispering sound that God chose to speak to His servant. And His message? Stop wasting time on the mountain top and get to work down in the valley. God often speaks to us while we are actively doing His work.

Food for your Journey

God has chosen to commune with us, and he doesn't choose to do so just in church. While his words flow from the lips of the ordained man standing behind a pulpit, they also resound from the many wonders of nature, which we rarely stop to admire. ... The world is like a seashell; we must willingly place our ears up to its cusp if we want to hear the Divine rumbling.

A Prayer from the Heart

Merciful Father, Make me still and humble so that I may hear Your word that comes to me this day, a word which calls me to grow closer to You. May Your word instruct me as to Your desires for me this day. May I receive Grace to carry out Your desires for Your greater glory. Amen