

I KINGS 19; May 28; Elijah, A Man Subject to Like Passions

ANALYSIS:

1. Who threatened to kill Elijah for slaying the false prophets, and where did Elijah go? _____
2. What did Elijah say to the LORD when he requested to die?

3. Where was Elijah when the LORD asked, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" _____
4. The LORD revealed Himself to Elijah by means of _____ but not by means of _____, _____, _____.
5. What was the final 3-part assignment the LORD gave Elijah? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Jezebel's threat to kill Elijah shows her jurisdiction in Israel and influence over Ahab. She proves herself to be a daughter of "Belial," [meaning a worthless person] by having Naboth murdered (21:9-13), and by killing the LORD'S prophets (18:4). She had been given an eye-witness account of the LORD sending down fire on Mt. Carmel. She is an example of the unrepentant on whom the LORD'S miracles have no effect whatsoever (Luke 16:31). She represents the unregenerate who are gone out of God's way, whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness, whose feet are swift to shed blood and who have no fear of God before their eyes (Rom 3:10-18).

Elijah's earnest prayer stopped rain for 3 1/2 years. He prayed again and rain refreshed the earth and brought a harvest. Yet he is shown as one "subject to like passions as we are" (James 5:17). Let us all determine that we will pray more often and more fervently than ever before!

HELP:

1. Jezebel, Ahab's wife. Elijah fled to Beer-sheba and another day's journey into the wilderness (vs 2-4).
2. "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers" (v 4).
3. On Mt Horeb (otherwise known as Mt Sinai) in a cave (vs 8-9).
4. A still small voice; but not by wind, earthquake or fire (vs 11-12).
5. Anoint Hazael as king over Syria, Jehu as king over Israel, Elisha as prophet in thy room (vs 15-16).