

Gospel Lighthouse Church
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God's Voice Series II
God In the Whisper

Text: I Kings 19:11-13

12 "and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a **still small voice**. 13 "So it was, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a **voice** came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (1 Ki. 19:12-13 NKJ)

Introduction: The human voice is formed through remarkable yet fragile anatomy—lungs that push breath, vocal cords that vibrate, and a mouth that shapes sound into meaning. Our voices tire, crack, and fail, revealing both our design and our limitations. By contrast, the voice of God is not bound to breath, vocal cords, or flesh. It does not weaken with time or strain under emotion. Our previous message establish the foundation for the series with reference to five selected scriptural compound names of God that reveal His immeasurable and inexhaustible nature: **Ei Roi** — He sees you—Genesis 16:13; **Ei Shaddai** — He is able—Genesis 17:1; **Ei Deah** — He knows—I Samuel 2:3; **Elyon** — He reigns—Isaiah 14:13–14 and **Ei Olam** — He endures forever—Isaiah 40:28. When we hear His voice, all these attributes (and more) are inherently present.

A. The setting/context—Elijah is:

Fleeing from Jezebel, hiding on Mount Horeb. This happens immediately after one of the greatest spiritual victories in scripture—fire falling from heaven on Mound Carmel.

1. Discouraged and fearful—I Kings 19:1-3.
2. Emotionally exhausted—I Kings 19:4-5a.
3. Spiritually overwhelmed-v10.

B. The sequence

God is strategic and may not speak immediately about your destiny after traumatic experiences as described about Elijah vs 1-9. The Lord gave him strength to geographically locate in a place where God would speak—vs 5b-8. God calls Elijah to stand on the mountain because He is about to reveal Himself. He witnessed a series of powerful manifestations vs 11-12.

1. A wind so strong it tore the mountains apart=**chaos and pressure**.
2. An earthquake that shakes the ground=**emotional shaking**.
3. A fire blazing before him=**power & spectacle**.

C. The special means—God's whisper/still small voice—vs 12-13.

Elijah had just seen God answer with fire from heaven. He's not obligated to repeat past methods to confirm present guidance.

1. The whisper required **stillness** = closeness.
2. The whisper required **attention** = intimacy.
3. The whisper required **relationship** = trust.

Note: God's voice is recognized not by volume, but by familiarity. God did not shout directions—He restored Elijah's soul first. Are you listening for God only in the dramatic—or are you attentive to His whisper?

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