

*"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?](#)'" 1 Kings 19:9 KJV*



Elijah was fleeing Jezebel, who sought his life, because Elijah boldly caused the deaths of over 800 men and prophets of Baal. She vowed, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow." A message from one woman made him run. God was a bit miffed, but even so, He Sent an angel to care for him. At the "Mount of God," Elijah lodged in a cave. God Called him out. "What doest thou here?" Elijah made excuses. "I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for 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."

Notice how he magnified his peril. So, God Taught him a lesson. "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: And after the earthquake a fire; but The LORD Was Not in the fire." Wind tore the mountain into bits, the earth clave asunder, and fire roared up the mountain, but "The LORD Was NOT in [them]." God Whispers to His Own. "After the fire A Still Small Voice." God Stood between Elijah and the elements. Mega-tons of ocean are restrained by a thin ribbons of shifting sand. Earth's solid ground is but a thin crust riding its tempest of magma. When God allows the crust to crack, the wind to blast, and magma to erupt, entire cities are destroyed, but God IS NOT in them. They occur when God Passes By and withdraws His Omnipotent Protection. Look no further than the sun to see the natural tempest of Creation. Earth is shielded amid tempests of tempests. God Prepared it especially for human frailness. When evil seeks vengeance for faithful obedience, there is no need to flee. God Needs merely Withdraw His Hand and the "elements will melt with a fervent heat!" Jezebel hadn't the slightest clue with whom she had picked a fight. In her brazen arrogance, spawned in the heart of Satan, she thought to do battle with God Almighty! God Said, "The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel and there shall be none to bury her!" And it was so! "As Jehu entered in at the gate...he lifted up his face to the window, and said, "Who is on my side? Who?" And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said, "Throw her down." So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot. And when he was come in, he...said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her. And they went...but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands." God Taught Elijah there was nothing to fear.

We often flee men's threats in fear,  
But Christ, our LORD, is ever near,  
For those whom He esteemeth dear,  
His pow'r will shield a way that's clear. –CGP

God Told Elijah, "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." You may not know who, but God Preserves the faithful. Vile men may threaten, but when God Withdraws His Protection from them, they'll curse their birth! Does it seem the Jezebel's of evil threaten you? Listen for The Whisper of Truth. The wicked will learn, "Don't mess with God!"

*"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made The LORD, which is my refuge, even The Most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." Psalms 91:7-10 KJV*