



THE GENTLE WHISPER

Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-18

Text: 1 Kings 19:11-13

Introduction:

People are made to have relationships! Nothing nicer than a trust and close fellowship between people. God also really desired to have fellowship and when He made Adam and Eve, He walked and talked with them in the cool of the evening! Until they sinned through disobedience. GOD STILL DESIRES TO HAVE THAT INTIMACY OF FELLOWSHIP WITH US... and through Jesus and the blood He shed to cleanse our sin away, our fellowship with God is restored.

Read: John 14:15-27 also 1 John 3:24.

Don't stop short of the intimate presence of God.

In the account we read of Elijah....

THE WIND OF THE SPIRIT Refreshing..

THE EARTHQUAKE THAT SHOOK EVERYTHING ... Yokes broken

THE FIRE OF GOD... Unction to function / Purifying.

Yet... illumination and direction came as he waited and when he heard.... THE GENTLE WHISPER (New Intimacy with God) THEN he knew the intimacy and illumination that gave him direction, courage and hope!
The Wind, the earthquake and the fire were powerful manifestations from God! If Elijah was only desiring the spectacular, he might have stopped short!

The spectacular prepares us... Gives us an AWE of God.

Acts 2 - The Early Church experienced the WIND AND THE FIRE.
Acts 16 - Paul and Silas in prison experienced the EARTHQUAKE...

Many are satisfied with the spectacular, but God desires to have something deeper with us! Don't stop short!
Time to experience the GENTLE WHISPER in INTIMACY WITH HIM.

You have to get pretty close to HEAR THE WHISPER... as it is gentle!
Maybe one who really knew this was John, one of Jesus disciples, who leaned on His breast....
On the Isle of Patmos, years later... He was still having a revelation of Jesus!

SECRETS ARE ALWAYS WHISPERED!!!! Did you know that God has secrets?
As part of the Bride of Jesus, He longs to have the sweetness of intimate fellowship with you!
Psalm 24:14 - 'The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him.'
(NIV) 'The Lord confides in those who fear Him.'

Prov. 3:32 - 'His secret is with righteous men'.
(NIV) 'The Lord takes the upright into His confidence!'

Amos 3:7 'The Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing His secrets to His servants the Prophets.'

Psalm 91:1 - 'He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, shall ABIDE under the shadow of the Almighty.'

Song of Sol. 2:14 - 'My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places on the mountainside, show Me your face and let Me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet and your face is lovely.' (Intimacy of Jesus with His Bride!)

Isaiah 45:1-3 – ‘This is what the Lord says to His anointed, ‘I will give you the treasures of darkness – riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel who summoned you by name!’

Interesting to note in Matt. 6: We can have a secret with the Most High... and this results in an ‘open reward!’

Prayer... Fasting... Giving!

1 Cor. 2:7 - ‘God’s secret wisdom, the deep things of God are only revealed by the Holy Spirit to us.

John 16:12-15 - The Holy Spirit is the One who enables us to HEAR the Gentle Whisper of God.

Jesus spent nights alone in intimacy with His Father... NOT REPETITIVE PRAYING – but seeing and hearing in the Spirit. John 5:19 & 30.

Rom. 8:26-27 – The Spirit helps our natural infirmity as He knows the Will of the Father.

CHALLENGE: God knows exactly where you stand in your relationship with Him. He does not push you into a deeper area, but He longs to have intimacy of fellowship with you and for you to hear His gentle whisper.