

What doest thou here?

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Introduction

1. 1 Kings 19:1-15
2. Elijah must be well thought of by God for he was there giving comfort to Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. Matthew 17:1-4
3. We are not told much about him; 1 Kings 17-19; 2 Kings 2:1,2; James 5:17
 - a. We find him taking care of widows
 - b. The battle on Mt. Carmel.
4. Yet we find the Bible telling us of the weak time in its heroes.
5. When we find him now the Lord is asking, what doest thou here Elijah?
6. Let us notice these words and find encouragement as Elijah did.

II Discussion

1. What brought him to the tree?
 - a. Jezebel's threat to kill him Vs 2
 - b. He is ready to give up. Vs 4
 - c. The Lord provides for him, does not tell him he is wrong
 - d. He gets rest and nourishment
 - e. Now he comes to a cave. Vs 9
2. The first question, what does thou here? Vs 9
 - a. Notice the response. Vs 10
 - i. Look what I did
 - ii. Look what they did
 - iii. Do we ever get like this?
 - iv. Do we ever fear and feel alone?
 - v. Do we ever feel like we have no purpose in life?
 - vi. Do we feel overwhelmed by our problems?
 - b. God sends him to a mount.
 - i. Sends a strong wind
 - ii. Sends and earthquake
 - iii. Sends fire
 - iv. Then a small still comforting voice. Vs 12
 - v. Then the next time for the question
3. The second time the question is asked.
 - a. Same response as before
 - b. The Lord tells him to get busy
 - i. Anoint Hazael to be King
 - ii. Anoint Jehu to be king
 - iii. There is help for you Elisha
 - iv. You are not alone, there are 7,000 of my people left.
4. Lessons to learn
 - a. Take care of our physical needs.
 - b. Look at the mighty power of God when we get discouraged, by looking at the Bible. Romans 10:17
 - c. Then there is work that we can do for the Lord.

- d. Are we about our Father's business, or staying discouraged?
- e. The Lord never told his followers they were wrong in being discouraged, but He encouraged them and gave them work to do.

III Conclusion

- 1. We have all that we need to get to heaven. 2 Peter 1:3
- 2. We will get discouraged along the way but don't stay that way. Revelation 2:10
- 3. Will you use what God has given you, the Bible to help you on your way?
- 4. Have you started toward heaven? Now is the best time
- 5. Invitation

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