

Hearing the voice of God when we are overwhelmed (Lesson V)

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Text I King 19:1-18

The story in this text of a mighty prophet, this great man of God finds himself in a place he no doubt never thought he would come to; a place of being overwhelmed so much so that he wishes to die...

God deals with Elisha most of all by communicating with him and that one act teaches us something powerful about hearing the voice of God especially in crisis or challenging times.

- I. We must learn to hear God's voice in this particular period
 - A. We have to accept that this is a new period or season of life
 - B. We have to adjust to this new period or season of life
 - C. We have to become attuned to hearing God in this new period or season of life
- II. We must learn to hear God's voice in a new way or by a new process in this new period or season of life

Wind, fire, earthquakes were traditional ways God in the past (Ex. 40:38, Act2:2-3) but now He speaks in a still small voice.

- A. We cannot be tied to past experiences
 - B. We cannot be tied to personal expectations
 - C. We cannot limit God to one particular means of expression
- III. We must be prepared for what God says in this season and period of life – vs. 15-18
 - A. This is bigger than you
 - B. This will go beyond you
 - C. there are others I will put beside you