

Elijah: Down, But Not Out

1 Kings 19:1-21

Why are you in despair/downcast, O my soul? Ps. 42:5,11; 43:5

The result of the Lord's victory: 18:41-46

The people turned.

Ahab advised.

Rain coming!

A dramatic change in the story and in Elijah! 19:1-

- Ahab's message to Jezebel v. 1.

What do you think Elijah had expected or hoped for?

- Jezebel's response. v. 2
- Elijah's fear. v. 3-8
Stark contrast! chs. 17-18 and ch. 19

What would make a man or woman of God, who had been wonderfully used by God, turn tail and run and find himself or herself at the point of despair?

- ① _____ unfulfilled.
- ② _____ dashed.
- ③ _____ misdirected.
- ④ _____.
- ⑤ _____ let down.
- ⑥ _____.
- ⑦ _____ and _____ lacking.

For Elijah, something tripped the switch!

Think of what he had seen!

And now? A _____.

What did the Lord God do?

- ❑ God let him _____.
- ❑ God gave him _____ and _____. v. 4-7
- ❑ God _____ him ahead. v. 8
- ❑ God _____ with him _____. v. 9

God asked him a very important question: (2x)

_____?

Here?

Doing?

You?

41f What a momentous day it had been for the king! How his head must have reeled with the thoughts of the contest: the pitiful screams of the helpless priests of Baal, the calm and yet awe-inspiring petition of Elijah, the terrifying and spectacular holocaust that followed, the repentance of the people, and the execution of the pagan prophets! As Ahab rode along through the gathering downpour, the Spirit-empowered prophet through whom God had effected his great triumph, ran ahead of the royal chariot like a specter.

9b-10 At length the word of the Lord aroused Elijah. The penetrating interrogation called for minute self-evaluation. Did Elijah yet understand his failure and God's gracious guidance in bringing him to this place? Elijah's reply indicated that he did not.