

Elijah

Week 4: 1 Kings 19:1–8

Jot down some thoughts and discuss...

1. Who is the strongest person you know? How do you see this strength?

2. In Elijah, we see someone with strength _____.

Recap

1. Elijah is coming off of a _____.

2. Ahab possibly showed signs of a _____.

1 Kings 19:1–2 (ESV)

¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.”

1. Ahab and Jezebel had the chance to _____ Elijah, but didn't.

1 Kings 19:3–4

³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers."

1. Do you find it surprising to see Elijah afraid in this way?

2. Elijah's _____ turned to _____ turned to _____.
3. Why did Elijah flee? Here are some possibilities:
 - a. He had expected all of Israel to _____, but it appears that Israel still isn't safe.
 - b. Elijah didn't immediately receive a _____
_____.
 - c. Elijah considers his problem _____. Jezebel and Ahab will never turn to the LORD.
 - d. Others?...

4. From this prayer, we learn that Elijah sees his ministry as a _____ . (“Enough now!”)
5. Was Elijah wrong to fear and despair like this?

6. What did Elijah fail to grasp?
 - a. God is in _____. What happened at Carmel and afterwards is exactly what God wanted to happen.
 - b. God will _____ in the end. One victory doesn’t mean the battle is won, one loss doesn’t mean it’s over.
 - c. God’s plan is _____ than ours. Elijah didn’t understand all that God still was going to do with him.
7. Have you ever wrestled with these same things?

8. What can we learn from seeing Elijah’s weakness on display?

1 Kings 19:5–8

⁵ And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” ⁶ And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” ⁸ And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

1. How did God minister to Elijah?
2. God first took care of Elijah’s _____.
3. The angel says that Elijah should prepare for a journey that is _____ for him.
4. What’s the significance of Mt. Horeb for Elijah/Israelites?
5. How does God minister to us?

