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- 41) Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain."
- 42) So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees,
- 43) and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again."

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- 44) Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.' "
- 45) Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.
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## 1 Peter 5:8-9

- 8) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
- 9) Whom resist stedfast in the faith...



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### 1 Kings 19:4-5

- 4) But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

## 5. God's compassionate counsel begins

### 1 Kings 19:6-8

- 5) And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.
- 6) Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again.
- 7) And the angel of the LORD came back the second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you."
- 8) So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.



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