



ONE PRAYER- LISTEN
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1 Kings 19



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**Are you close enough
to hear the voice
God?**

**Sticky Statement: You're one whisper away from
God changing your life?**

Q: God is speaking, are you going to hear him?

**If you aren't willing to listen to everything God has to say,
eventually you won't hear anything He has to say.**

"Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them." ³ Elijah was afraid^[a] and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there,⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."
⁵ Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep." **1 KINGS 19:1-5**

**TO HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE YOU
TO EXPECT 3 THINGS FROM GOD ...**

1. EXPECT GOD TO SPEAK, RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.

"All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he went into a cave and spent the night." **v5-9a**

Where you currently are and what you are currently going through, is not as important as where you RUN and what you RUN to next.

**2. EXPECT GOD TO SPEAK, WHAT YOU NEED TO
HEAR MOST.**

"And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"
¹⁰ He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." **V10-11**

¹⁸ Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him. ¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat." **V18-19**

**3. EXPECT GOD TO SPEAK, IN A STILL SMALL VOICE-
A "WHISPER."**

¹¹ The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper." **v11-12**

Whisper = "speaking using one's breath rather than one's vocal chords."

**21 DAY WHISPER PRAYER
AND FAST**



"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:10

**Experiencing the Word: What is Keeping you from hearing
God's Voice-His Whisper? 1 Kings 19:11-12**

Prayer: God what lies are keeping me from hearing your voice? God speak to me today like only you can... in that still small voice- your whisper.

Maybe it's how you see GOD... you see GOD as a **DISAPPOINTED GOD**--- One whose only interested in pointing out your sins, struggles, and failures.

Maybe you see GOD as an **INSPECTING GOD**---no matter what you do, it's never going to be enough for God. I can never measure up to what he expects.

Maybe you see GOD as a **DISTANT GOD**---If God really cared about me then why do so many of my prayers go unanswered. Why do I feel all alone?