

# **The Fire, The Fatigue, and The Whisper**

## **1 Kings 17–19**

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### **1. The Hidden Season**

“Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the \_\_\_\_\_ to feed you there.” (*1 Kings 17:3–4, NKJV*)

“The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run \_\_\_\_\_, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.” (*1 Kings 17:14, NKJV*)

### **2. The Peak**

“How long will you falter between two \_\_\_\_\_? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him... Therefore let them give us two bulls... and I will call on the name of the Lord; and the God who answers by \_\_\_\_\_, He is God.” (*1 Kings 18:21, 23–24, NKJV*)

“Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is \_\_\_\_\_ and must be awakened.” (*1 Kings 18:27, NKJV*)

“Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your \_\_\_\_\_, and that I have done all these things at Your word. Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that You are the Lord God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again.” (*1 Kings 18:36–37, NKJV*)

“Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the \_\_\_\_\_ that was in the trench.” (*1 Kings 18:38, NKJV*)

### 3. The Crash

“So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by \_\_\_\_\_ about this time.” (*1 Kings 19:2, NKJV*)

“One might assume that Elijah, having had so marked an evidence of the presence and blessing of God, would never let his \_\_\_\_\_ fail. But he was suffering from the reaction that so frequently follows marked success.” (*SDA Bible Commentary, on 1 Kings 19:3*)

“It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my \_\_\_\_\_!” (*1 Kings 19:4, NKJV*)

“I am with you, so do not be afraid. I am your God, so do not be upset. I will make you \_\_\_\_\_ and I will help you. My powerful right hand will keep you \_\_\_\_\_.” (*Isaiah 41:10, EasyEnglish Bible*)

“Into the experience of all there come times of keen disappointment and utter \_\_\_\_\_—days when sorrow is the portion, and it is hard to believe that God is still the kind benefactor of His earthborn children; days when troubles harass the soul, till death seems preferable to life. It is then that many lose their hold on God and are brought to the slavery of doubt, the bondage of unbelief.” (*Prophets and Kings, p. 162*)

### 4. The Refueling

“Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, ‘Arise and \_\_\_\_\_.’ 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.” (*1 Kings 19:5–6, NKJV*)

“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.’ So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food \_\_\_\_\_ days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.” (*1 Kings 19:7–8, NKJV*)

## 5. The Whisper

“What are you doing here, \_\_\_\_\_?” (*1 Kings 19:9, NKJV*)

“I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am \_\_\_\_\_; and they seek to take my life.” (*1 Kings 19:10, NKJV*)

“A great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire.” (*1 Kings 19:11–12, NKJV*)

“And after the fire a still \_\_\_\_\_ voice.” (*1 Kings 19:12, NKJV*)

“It is not always the most learned presentation of God’s truth that convicts and converts the soul. Not by eloquence or logic are men’s hearts reached, but by the sweet influences of the Holy \_\_\_\_\_, which operate quietly yet surely in transforming and developing character. It is the still, small voice of the Spirit of God that has power to change the heart.” (*Prophets and Kings, p. 169*)

## 6. The Return

“Yet I have reserved seven \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal.” (*1 Kings 19:18, NKJV*)

“For the disheartened there is a sure remedy—faith, \_\_\_\_\_, work. Faith and activity will impart assurance and satisfaction that will increase day by day.” (*Prophets and Kings, p. 164*)

“Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will \_\_\_\_\_ you.” (*1 Kings 19:20, NKJV*)

“So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen’s equipment, and gave it to the

people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his \_\_\_\_\_.” (1 Kings 19:21, NKJV)

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### **This Week’s Homework:**

1. Are you spending time with God building faith and healing? \_\_\_\_\_.  
If no, what will you change in order to spend time focusing on God and not self:

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2. Elijah thought he was the only one left, and he was wrong — seven thousand others were still standing. Who is one person God may be asking you to encourage, mentor, or pass a mantle to this week, even while you're still recovering? \_\_\_\_\_

