

Overcoming Despair: Elijah Flees from Jezebel (1 Kings 19)

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God Provides Nourishment

God provides nourishment so that we will not want (1 Kings 19:5-8; Psalm 23; 1 Timothy 4:6).

God Provides Correction

God provides correction so that we will not stray (1 Kings 19:9-14; Proverbs 3:11-12; Hebrews 12:3-11). God's power was seen in the great and strong wind, the earthquake and the fire. God's patience is observed in the sound of a gentle blowing. God's perseverance is evident in the probing, twice-repeated question, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (vs. 9 & 13).

God Provides Purpose

God provides purpose so that we will not despair (1 Kings 19:15-18; John 12:27-28; Acts 26:12-18). Go! Return to Damascus. Anoint Hazael as king over Aram, Jehu as king over Israel, and Elisha as prophet. Acting through divine agency, Hazael oppressed wayward Israel (2 Kings 13:3). Jehu inflicted divine judgment upon the wicked house of Ahab and Jezebel (1 Kings 21:20-24). Elisha fulfilled the prophetic office, being faithful in word and deed.

God Provides Courage/Confidence

God provides confidence so that we will not fear (2 Kings 6:8-23; Isaiah 35:1-4; 1 John 4:15-18).