



Lesson 118

Elijah Flees from Jezebel's Wrath

Story Elements

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Text: 1 Kings 18:41-19:18 • Setting: circa 872 B.C., from Jezreel to Mt. Horeb • Main Characters: God, Ahab, Jezebel, and Elijah • Plot: Elijah's victory at Mt. Carmel is followed by discouragement. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key word(s): “and I, even I only am _____.” (vv 10, 14) • Climax: 1 Kings 19:12 <i>And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.</i> |
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Raining, Running, and Resting

1. (1 Ki. 18:41) Following the amazing victory at Mt. Carmel, Elijah advises Ahab to go and eat as a token of goodwill and an act of _____ that God was pleased with the sacrifice.
2. (1 Ki. 18:42-44) Elijah continued in prayer atop Mt. Carmel and interceded for rain.
 - (a) He sent his servant to go and look towards the western horizon of the Mediterranean Sea and check for signs of rain.
 - (b) The servant went back and forth several times until, on the seventh time, he spotted a cloud on the horizon about the size of a _____. This cloud was the sign of a brewing storm that would bring rain.
3. (1 Ki. 18:45-46) Ahab departed in his chariot for Jezreel, a town about 20 miles southeast of Mt. Carmel. Elijah, supernaturally strengthened by the LORD, ran before Ahab's chariot for the lengthy journey. Why do you think Elijah would do this? _____

4. (1 Ki. 19:1-4) Upon hearing that Elijah had slain the prophets of Baal, Jezebel swore that she would capture Elijah and have him killed.
 - (a) Fearing for his life, Elijah fled with his servant to the far southern city of Beer-sheba. There he left his servant and continued about a day's journey into the wilderness (about ___ miles).
 - (b) Exhausted and _____, Elijah slumped beneath a juniper tree and asked God to take his life.
5. (1 Ki. 19:5-8) But the LORD did not send death to Elijah. Instead, he was given food and a _____. After his second meal, the prophet was told to prepare for a forty day and night excursion to Mt. Horeb, the Mountain of God.

The Still, Small Voice

6. (1 Ki. 19:9-10) For forty days and nights Elijah wandered the wilderness near Mt. Horeb before finally seeking refuge in a cave in the mount (quite possibly the same cleft that _____ was hid in during his time on the mount – Exo. 33:22).
- (a) There, the word of the LORD came to Elijah and asked, “What doest thou here, Elijah?” Elijah response was one of resignation and discouragement: “...I, even I only am left.”
- (b) (1 Ki. 19:11-14) The LORD then invited Elijah to come to the edge of the cave where he would experience God's presence in a nearly identical way that Moses did hundreds of years before – there was a rock-rending wind, a mighty earthquake, and a blazing _____. But in each phenomenon, the LORD “was not there.” Following the dramatic spectacle, a still, small voice spoke to Elijah and asked a second time, “What doest thou here, Elijah?” Elijah gave the same resigned answer.
- (c) (1 Ki. 19:15-18) The LORD responded to Elijah's discouragement by instructing to anoint three people: Hazael of Syria, Jehu of Israel, and Elisha of Abel-meholah. These three men would, in their different ways, bring God's judgment against the Omride dynasty of Israel. God also told Elijah that there remained, besides him, _____ faithful Hebrews in Israel.

Application

7. Opinions differ on the meaning of the grand scene followed by a still, small voice. I believe the point is to show that when all hope seems lost, and when we expect God to intervene in the most dramatic fashion, he *is* working – has **been** working – quietly and _____.
8. What can we learn about overcoming depression from this story? _____
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Notes: _____

Answer Key: Key word(s): left • 1. rain • 2. b) man’s hand • 3. Running before the king's chariot was a sign of respect, and Elijah was showing his respect for the office of the king and showing the people that saw him that the rain was a blessing form God. • 4. a) 20; b) discouraged • 5. nap • 6. Moses; b) fire; c) 7,000 • 7. behind the scenes • 8 Proper food, rest, and communion with God are helpful.

How to use this worksheet for personal Bible study: (1) Read the Bible passage given in the **Story Elements** section. (2) Read through the worksheet and try to fill in the blanks without looking at the **Answer Key**. (3) Check your answers with the key and make the necessary corrections. Keep in mind that some answers are a matter of opinion, and often more than one answer is correct. (4) Write down your own thoughts, applications, and questions for further study in the **Notes** section.