

# 1 Kings 19: 9-15 - How to Hear for God – Part 1

## **Stop and Listen**

- 1) Intro
  - a) **Q: What do you do when you want to hear from God?**
    - i) (if new people) **Q: Do you think we can hear from God?**
      - (1) Prophets did, leaders did
      - (2) Satan tells us (lies to us) that we can't
    - ii) Goal is for us to gain some practical tools so we can HFG
- 2) 1 Kings 19:9-15
  - a) Elijah was very frazzled
  - b) Sometimes we are the fire, earthquake, wind
    - i) Flesh wants action
    - ii) God wants us to be still and listen
- 3) **Map A – B – Using a large piece of paper on the floor (or other method) draw two marks; point “A” & point “B.” We see point “B” and think it’s a straight line, but in reality it is a curving road filled with detours.**
  - a) God knows the route your life will take (detours & all)
  - b) Jesus said “Follow me” (Matt 4:19) not “Take the lead, I’ll follow you.”
- 4) Paul – man who served God
  - a) 14 books of the Bible (most of the New Testament)
  - b) Started churches all over the Mediterranean
  - c) Healed people
  - d) **Q: If you were Paul, how would you prepare yourself each day to do God’s will?**
- 5) Preparing to listen to God – setting the atmosphere
  - a) Listening attitude
    - i) Flesh is full of energy – wants to act – Force your flesh to be still
    - ii) Matt 11:28-30
      - (1) Come... let me teach you – (submit ourselves)
      - (2) Gentle & humble
    - iii) Tomorrow during devoted time with God (devotional) – listen
      - (1) Dump the yokes, be still, be silent, listen
  - b) Attitude that honors God
    - i) Be a servant, willing to go anywhere with Him, do anything
    - ii) Let go of your assumptions about what God wants for you
    - iii) Next time facing a problem – go to God & let go of your assumptions
      - (1) Take one solution that you refuse to do (one that is not un-Biblical) and tell God you are willing to do even that, if it is His will.
      - (2) Going back to Bob story (D462)
  - c) Attitude of faith – You will get through it
    - i) Next time in a discouraging or tough spot
      - (1) Remember God will give you victory if you follow Him
      - (2) Thanking God and praising God (celebrating) before He delivers (while you are in the pain) – is FAITH

- d) Attitude of Patience – wait on God
  - i) If we are servants, are we waiting in the wings for an assignment?
  - ii) Obedience – “Pray & obey” (repeatedly)
- 6) Conclusion
  - a) Major step in hearing from God – is preparing ourselves to stop and listen.