



# THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST BIBLE OUTREACH

## Topic: What are doing in the cave.

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1 KINGS 19:1-9; ,1 Kings 19:1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword.

1 Kings 19:2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "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 tomorrow about this time."

1 Kings 19:3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

1 Kings 19:4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"

1 Kings 19:5 Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat."

1 Kings 19:6 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 19:7 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."

1 Kings 19:8 So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

1 Kings 19:9 And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Elijah has killed all the prophets of Baal after calling down fire to consume the sacrifice in the presence of all the Israelites and King Ahab.

When king Ahab got home he narrated all that has happened to his wife, Jezebel.

Jezebel was angry when she heard the story and sent a message to Elijah and sworn by the Baal that by the following day she will also kill Elijah.

This message made Elijah to run for his dear life.

Elijah was hiding in a cave, fearful, discouraged, and confused.

Why?

Elijah knew God and had seen God do mighty things, even in answer to his own prayers. Yet he was human, just like the rest of us.

JAMES 5:17 NIV 17 Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

Elijah had only one real problem, and it was not his enemy, Jazabel that he faced.

His problem was that he got his focus off of God and focus on himself.

Even God seems amazed at Elijah's hiding. "Doesn't Elijah know that God is greater than all his enemies? Doesn't Elijah know that God can help him?"

Why did he run into the cave? Because he stopped looking unto God who is able to save and deliver.

When the enemies come with trouble and challenges of life, why do we run, discouraged and confused?

Have you forgotten there is God and who your God is? Have you forgotten who you are, children of Almighty God?"

Elijah was human -- just like us -- and we face the same difficulties in life. But just like Elijah, our real problem is not the problems we face -- but our focus.

When trouble comes don't focus on your own ability focus on God's unlimited power

When you are in lack don't focus on your inability, focus on God's ability and abundant provision.

Are you hiding in a "cave" today, afraid to venture forth and face life? Are you afraid of failure and rejection? Are you discouraged because things haven't worked out like you thought they would?

What are you doing?! Get out of your "cave!"

God is on your side.

The Greater One is in you (1John 4:4). The Lord is our helper. He has promised to never leave you or forsake you.

You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you (Philippians 4:13).

God is able, He loves you and He is greater than anything you will ever face.