

Elijah, the Tishbite

TEXT: 1 Kings 19:9-18

INTRODUCTION:

- A. BACKGROUND(**1 Kings 17 - 19:8**).
 - 1. The drought (**17:1**)
 - 2. Fed by ravens (**17:2-7**)
 - 3. The widow of Zarephath – sustained by the meal and oil (**17:8-15**).
 - 4. Raising the widow's son (**17:17-24**).
 - 5. The challenge on Mount Carmel (**18:1-40**).
 - 6. Return of the rain (**18:41-46**).
 - 7. Flight from Jezebel – fed by an angel (**19:1-8**)
 - 8. In the Caves of Horeb (**19:9-18**).
- B. THRU ALL GOD HAD CARED FOR ELIJAH AND PROVEN HIMSELF.
- C. HOW WE VIEW THIS QUESTION DEPENDS ON EMPHASIS:
 - 1. "WHAT doest thou here?"
 - 2. "What doest THOU here?"
- D. IT IS A QUESTION WE MIGHT ASK OURSELVES.

I. "WHAT DOES THOU HERE?"

- A. WHERE WAS HE? IN THE CAVES OF DESPONDENCY.
- B. MOST OBVIOUSLY, HE WAS HIDING.
- C. WHILE HIDING, HE WAS DOING NOTHING FOR THE LORD.

II. "WHAT DOES THOU HERE?"

- A. OF ALL PEOPLE, ELIJAH SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER.
- B. WE SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO BE DISCOURAGED AND HIDE.
 - 1. We have God's promise(**2 Tim 2:11-13**).
 - 2. We have seen him deliver(**Rom 15:4**).
 - 3. **Romans 8:31f.**

III. ELIJAH WAS GIVEN A MISSION(vs. 15-16).

- A. WE ALSO HAVE A MISSION(**Matt. 28:19-20**).
- B. WE CAN DO NOTHING WHILE HIDING IN OUR CAVE OF DESPONDENCY.

CONCLUSION:

- A. WE NEED TO HAVE FAITH IN GOD AND DO WHAT HE REDEEMED US TO DO.
- B. THERE ARE NO EXCUSES, JUST AS THERE WERE NONE FOR ELIJAH/
- C. HAVE YOU OBEYED THE LORD?