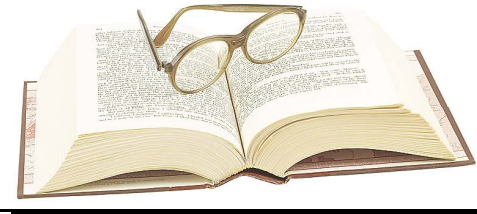


MESSAGES FROM WAYNE'S STUDY



LISTEN CAREFULLY!

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Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD. ' And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his

mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 1 Kings 19:11-13 (NKJV)

Are you listening for that “still small voice” of God. Strangely enough, the God’s Word translation is most like the Hebrew, “*there was a quiet, whispering voice*” First, קוֹל (qol) is “voice”, next, דְּמָמָה (demama) is “*a whisper and a voice, i.e. an articulate whisper*”¹ and, lastly, דַּקָּה (daqqa) is “thin, small, fine.”

I have never had the experience of “. . . ***a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.*** Revelation 14:2 (NKJV) I doubt that you haven’t either. The question is, have you ever heard this “quiet whispering voice?” It not, perhaps it is because you were not listening. Elijah had the advantage of tornado, an earthquake, and a wildfire to get his attention. We have to listen carefully to hear this voice. He does speak to us this way at times. I have heard him. I wish I could say I have heard Him often, but I can not. I, too, need to listen more carefully.

Dr. McGee wrote, *If there was one thing that Elijah did not like, it was a still, small voice. I am sure Elijah did not have that kind of a voice, but he had to learn that God moves in a quiet way -- how wonderful it is to see God moving in this way. He was teaching Elijah a great lesson. The battle was not actually won on top of Mount Carmel by fire coming down from heaven. God moves in mysterious and unostentatious ways His wonders to perform. God moves in a quiet way. God uses little things to accomplish His purpose. As someone has said, "Great doors are swung on little hinges." God uses small things to open mighty doors. That is what Elijah had to learn.*²

*Out of the midst of the still air there came what the Hebrew calls "a voice of gentle silence," as if silence had become audible. There is nothing more terrible than an awful stillness after a dread uproar. Even the noise of the wind and of the storm which could not cow Elijah were not so terrible as the still small voice by which Jehovah called his servant near. Then the prophet covered his face, and went to the mouth of the cave and stood to listen, for the still small voice had won the solemn attention of his soul. It had done for him what all the rest could not do; for this reason, that the Lord was not in the wind, nor in the earthquake, nor in the fire, but the Lord was in the still small voice, and Elias knew it, and he was awed, and prepared himself to hear what God the Lord would speak.*³

I encourage you to do the following. Set aside during the day (or week) when you can set aside all of your cares and just be quiet and listen. If you hear nothing, ask the Lord to speak to you. You will be both blessed and directed by what that “still small voice” has to say to you.

¹Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew-English Lexicon

²J. Vernon McGee's Thru The Bible

³C.H.Spurgeon, Sermon #1668 - “The Still Small Voice” 07/09/1882

