

# A STILL SMALL VOICE

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*“And he said [to Elijah], Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks 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” (I Kings 19:11).*

I often hear people say, ‘I’m waiting on a sign from the Lord, or I’m waiting on God’s voice to thunder from the heavens and fling lightning bolts from His Imperial Throne; then I’ll know God’s will for my life and recognize what I should do, or where I should go.’ Sound familiar?

Elijah was expecting the voice of God out of a *“strong wind [that] rent the mount, and brake in pieces the rocks”*, but was disappointed. Then came an *“earthquake”*, but again Elijah was let down. Again, a *“fire”* followed the earthquake and once more the Lord eluded the prophet. You see, Elijah was seeking the voice of God in an earth-shaking, mind numbing manner, but God chose another way in which He communicated with the prophet ... a *“still small voice”*!

I have to admit, much of my Christian life has been spent like Elijah, seeking an earth-shattering revelation from the Lord to guide me and supply the solutions to life’s problems. ‘Lord, if you’ll just show me some sign, or shout to me from the heavens, then I’ll follow and do your will.’ Like me, many well-meaning Christians are spending much of their lives missing out on what God desires for them, too, simply because they don’t recognize God’s mode of speaking to His children.

You see, in this age of grace we are living, God mainly speaks to us in a *“still small voice”*! Consequently, the reason we fail to hear Him is because we are rushing here and there creating so much hoopla and clamor that we simply don’t hear Him! You can’t perceive the chirp of a cricket or the melody of a robin if you’re standing alongside a jet engine readying for take-off! *“A still small voice”* from the pages of Scripture; the faint voice of the Holy Spirit whispering ever so gently to our hearts – that’s how God elects to communicate to us. Have you calmed yourself enough to hear the sweetness of the Lord’s voice lately, or has the harshness of everyday living drowned out that *“still small voice”*? Begin to listen today – find a quiet place away from the rumble and grumble of the world and just wait and listen! You may be surprised just what you’ll hear!

Dear Lord, help us to realize your voice is largely heard as we hide ourselves away in a muted atmosphere, alone with nothing but your Word and your Spirit as our guide. Help us to shut out the commotion of the outside world and listen closely, not like Elijah longed to hear God in a strong wind, earthquake, or a consuming fire, but from the *“still small voice”* of the Holy Spirit whispering. Then, when we hear His fragrant voice, may we obey without hesitancy.