

1 KINGS 19:11-12, 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.

Many sincere believers are seeking to hear God's direction for their lives. They go to various gatherings, meetings and conferences filled with excitement and anticipation that the man or woman of God will speak into their lives and giving the clarity they seek. Praise fills the atmosphere and there is indeed a wonderful presence of the power and glory of the Lord present, yet they leave those times with no more direction for their lives than they came. There is nothing wrong with conferences and revival meetings. Some do indeed receive direction for their lives and ministry through the teaching of the ministers. But this is the exception not the rule. The key to hearing the voice of God is found in the passage above. Elijah experienced a mighty wind, an earthquake and fire, yet Elijah could not hear the Lord in any of those things. Then the "delicate whispering voice" of the Lord came.

You have to be intimate with someone to hear them whisper. There must be stillness, quietness in our spirit if we are to hear Him, as we should. Beloved, it is not so much in the midst of a loud exciting service that we are going to hear the Lord, but rather in the quiet prayer closet where it is simply you and the Lord. It is there that we will find Him in all His beauty and holiness. It is there, as we draw close and put our ear to His mouth, that we will hear Him whisper to us, "This is the way, walk in it" (ISAIAH 30:21) The place of intimacy, the place of surrender that is the place we will find our Lord's voice so loving and clear. So come aside from the noise and distraction that clamor for your attention. Find that place of solitude and say "Speak, for Your servant hears." (1 SAMUEL 3:10) You might well be surprised at what He has to say. Glory awaits!