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| **1 Kings 19:11-13, NKJV...God’s Revelation to Elijah, emphasis added,** 'Then He (God) 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?” Old Testament Elijah was running scared from mean, murderous queen Jezebel **(Can we all say, “Chicken heart!”).**  Instead of turning to God, he ***(like many of us today)*** ran. Finally.....finally....finally, he stopped in a cave and listened to His Heavenly Father. But, when God spoke, it ***was* not in the wind**, ***was* not in the earthquake,** and ***was* not in the fire.** Only when Elijah got quiet, quiet, quiet, quiet, ***(Sshhhh!!! QUIET! Whisper it once more with emphasis!)*** and REALLY LISTENED, could he hear his God .For...... God was in a still small voice. Nothing's different today; this “Still Small Voice Sunday,” God has not changed; His workings are just as in the day of Elijah!! We must earmark our endeavors; “be all ears” for His whisperings; “keep our ears to the ground” for His promises; and never “turn a deaf ear” to the sweet sound of God’s voice! May we educate our ears to God's “everlastingness,” find our focus on His fabulous “foreverness,” and, in quality quietness, “QUIT TALKING” so that we will hear the hallowed, “heaven-happening” of God's still small voice, ***in His great love* speaking to you! *Ss******Sshhhh!!! QUIET!* Listen…..AND HEAR HIM!****It is always……Because He is the “music to my ears,”****Lindi****Dear Lord God, it is sooo hard for me to be still and listen. Help me to learn Elijah’s lesson and tune in to Your guiding, telling voice. Help me to discern between the two forces vying for my time and attention. Keep me targeted and true to Your high calling. Forgive my inconsistencies and weariness. Focus me on the “ending,” so that I might strive harder for the mark. I pray today against sickness, confusion, addictions, family dissentions, and sorrow. Keep me true. Forgive laziness, fear, and selfishness on my part. Help me strive for the deeper, richer things of Your Word. I love You. Thank You for loving me. Bring Your Kingdom soon, my King. In Jesus’ name, Amen.** |