

The Key to Intimacy With God

Although no one can see the Lord and live, God passed by the prophet Elijah as he waited silently in a cave. Before God appeared to him, a number of powerful things preceded Him—a great wind, an earthquake and a fire (see 1 Kin. 19:3-13). Interestingly, the Bible says that the Lord was not in these things, but He was in the “gentle blowing,” a very special place requiring silence before God (v. 12, NASB). He speaks to us in a still, small voice.

When we become quiet before God, we are able to receive the revelation of His presence that Elijah received. We can also receive direction, correction and new instruction.

Elijah was surrounded by spiritual warfare and demonic activity. In moments such as these it's more important than ever to be silent in order to receive clear direction.

One of the characteristics of an intimate walk with God is greater rest and peace and a realization that God does the battling on your behalf. If you'll take time to silence yourself before God, He not only will give you direction but also will remind you that He's taking care of it all. Silence will make you see how small you are, how big God is, and that God has everything under control.