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RE- FLECTING GOD

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Psalm 37:1-11

Exhausted and afraid, the prophet Elijah waited to hear from the Lord (see 1 Kings 18:19). He had run away because he was in a life and death situation. He hoped for a dramatic voice?he had seen fire fall from heaven and watched as a deluge followed a drought. All were signs from a Power who spoke through him.

As he waited, a terrible storm of lightning and thunder crashed. This was followed by an earthquake that shook the cave where he had sought safety. Then a fire came and went. He listened for God's voice in the noise and confusion, but there was only noise and confusion. In the calm that followed, the quiet, gentle, certain voice of God spoke to Elijah once again.

This time, he would not confront the king or the enemies of God; he would not call down fire from heaven. This time he would rest, eat, and prepare for a journey that would be his last on earth.

There is a time to tackle evil head on; there is a time to be still and see the salvation of the Lord. Only listening to the voice of the Lord will let us know which is which.

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