<u>Title</u>: Hearing the Voice of God Text: (1 Kings 19:11-13)

So Many Voices in the world. Which one should we be listening to?

Out thoughts come from 1 of 3 places, Us, God, the devil's fiery darts. Elijah needed to hear from God.

(Vs 1-3) The Devil attacks us when we are doing right.

(Vs 4-8) He needed to get away from his normal influences so He could hear from God.

You have to Guard your heart: (Prov 4:23)

<u>Illus</u>: What goes in the Eyes and the Ears go into the Heart – You are influenced by what we see, hear, read, & who we run with.

This is why we go to camp.

(vs 9-10) Away from the Noise, Elijah hears from God.

We are bombarded each day with these...

(Vs 11) Not in the Wind =World's Philosophies: (Eph 4:14) Wind of Doctrine

Evolution: <u>Illus</u>: Some of my ancestors did hang from trees. You are not an Animal: You have Purpose: (1 Tim 6:20-21)

Dating: (1 Th 4:6)(1 Cor 7:1)Marriage: It's Not an Alternate Lifestyle: Its Sin! (Lev 18:22)(Lev 20:13)(Rom 1:26-28)

<u>Its not just an Old testament Issue</u>! (1 Cor 6:9-12) (1 Tim 1:8-11)

Shacking Up: (Eph 5:25-33)

50/50: Compatibility (Selfishness vs. Selflessness) Bible Love is a Choice: (Deu 7:7)

Child Rearing:

(Prov 19:18)(Prov 13:24)(Prov 23:13-14)(Prov 29:15)(Prov 29:17)(Prov 22:6) (Prov 22:15)

Not in the Earthquake: World's Methods: Entertainment: Muse vs. Amuse Not in the Fire: World's Power: (Zech 4:6) Money: (Prov 17:1)

Elijah needed to Listen for the Still Small Voice of God: (1 Kings 19:12)

My sheep hear my voice. (John 10:27-30)

<u>Here is how we hear from God.</u>
<u>Ask Him to speak to you</u>: (1 Sam 3:10) *You have to Want IT*? (Is 44:3)

Ask yourself... Are we thirsty?

- a. At your devotions:
- b. At each church service:
- c. At each Sunday School Class:
- 2. <u>Expectancy!</u> Expect Him to answer and be looking for it!
 - a. (Matt 7:7) Ask, Seek, knock, find
 - b. Note it when He does
 - c. Muse on it = Meditate upon it
 - d. <u>Illus</u>: Principle, Conviction, Standard.

The Holy Spirit will guide you ! (Jn 16:13)

The Holy Spirit knows what the Father desires for you. (Rom 8:26-27)

The Holy Spirit will never lead you Contrary to His Word! (Psa 138:2)(Is 8:20)

The Spirit will point you to Christ as our Example! (Jn 14:26)(John 15:26)

Lastly- <u>Follow Through</u> - (1 Kings 19:13-21) You asked God to speak to you, now OBEY!