

## 60.1 Recharging with God's Presence

Greetings Patriots. This is Perry Greene with GNA. Today's podcast is, "*Recharging with God's Presence.*" No doubt you have heard the government is pushing us into buying electric vehicles under the guise that it will be good for the environment and that we are also running out of oil. Neither is accurate; their push for electric vehicles is about controlling us.

Electric vehicles are anything but convenient for consumers. If you purchase one of the electric vehicles, you will have to install a particular charging outlet in your home. I understand the electric setup for most neighborhoods can only handle a few of these charging stations. These vehicles are inconvenient for long-range travel as travelers often have to line up at charging stations and then sit for hours to recharge before they can proceed. I heard of the owners of an electric truck who had to stop every 100 miles to recharge on their 2700-mile trip. What a grueling ordeal! And, if your battery dies, you will need to purchase a new one for about \$10,000 and no landfill will accept the old one. What does that say about being "environmentally safe?"

There is a matter far more critical than purchasing electric-powered vehicles, which is, recharging our spirits with God. I am sure you have felt drained of power and energy and needed to renew your spiritual batteries to keep going. Maybe you rekindled your spiritual energy through a vacation or a spiritual retreat. The story of Elijah in **1 Kings 19:1-18** gives us some insight into renewing our energy to walk with God.

After Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal and the Asherah at Mt. Carmel, Ahab returned home and told Jezebel of the incident. She immediately sent word that she would kill Elijah. Fearing for his life, Elijah ran into the wilderness of Beersheba in Judah. Here Elijah asked to die, but an angel came and served him. Elijah regained some physical and emotional energies and traveled to Mt. Horeb, the mountain of God.

Mt. Horeb was in the wilderness where the Hebrews received the Law of Moses. Some places are potent reminders for us, and Horeb was one of those places for Elijah. There he no doubt remembered the presence and power of God as He met the Hebrews in person.

Moses explained to the people that the LORD had brought them to Himself as on "eagles' wings." The people responded in **Exodus 19:8** (NKJV):

**Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the Lord.**

This could be translated as "*we will do and we will hear.*" That is, the Hebrew people would obey God and THEN they would hear or understand what He was telling them. Typically we want to see to believe while God tells us to believe in order to see (or hear). Maybe Elijah went back to that place to try to "hear" God since he had been obeying God and, instead of improving, was in greater danger than ever.

Elijah looked for some great sign at Horeb but heard only a "still, small voice" from God. Aren't we like that? We want the spectacular as when God descended upon the mountain all those years ago, and maybe we even think we deserve it. But honestly, we can be satisfied with the quiet presence of God, even in simply reading the scriptures.

Elijah exercised his privilege of prayer and unloaded on God. The King and Queen mistreated him because he served God instead of Baal. He felt alone and outnumbered even though he and the people had killed hundreds of pagan prophets at Mt. Carmel. Elijah said in **verse 14** (NKJV):

**"I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."**

I wonder what kind of prayers our forefathers uttered to God during our quest for independence. I imagine that they felt outnumbered and outgunned at times, and they were! The fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence put their lives, families, wealth, and honor on the line for the cause and felt the wrath of the King for it. Even after they saw providential events in their lives, they cried out to God in despair and concern at times. Can you identify with them – and Elijah?

Our forefathers developed a “*firm reliance on Providence.*” They knew the history of America from the Pilgrims through our spiritual doldrums and the Great Awakening, which many of them experienced. They knew the scriptures and understood the principles of government contained therein, and trusted God and His direction for them.

They knew the results would not be immediate and did their duty. As John Quincy Adams stated later, “*Duty is ours, and results are God’s.*” Despite the discouragement of many, our ancestors stayed the course, and they understood the Biblical concept that “God + 1 = a majority.” Paul said it like this in **Romans 8:31** (NKJV):

<sup>31</sup> **What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?**

The Founding generation appealed to God, and their political leaders made numerous calls for prayer and fasting. George Washington renewed his walk with God repeatedly as when he knelt in the snows of Valley Forge and appealed to God on behalf of the American cause. Our forefathers knew they could not succeed without God.

America and the world need God. We may not physically visit places that inspire our faith, but we can always recapture the Spirit of God in our lives by reading His word to “hear” His still, small voice. We can pray and expect God to answer, and we can review an accurate history of America to remember God’s hand in our cause of liberty.

Whether we win or lose the present fight for America’s soul, we show whose side we are on, much like Elijah’s challenge in **1 Kings 18:21** (NKJV) when he said, “**If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.**” We will stand before Christ at the Judgment. It will be better to have clung to Him and His cross than to have been apathetic and fearful regarding His will on earth.

Elijah went on to challenge Ahab and Jezebel by the power of God. Elijah thought he was alone even though God told him of His 7000 in the northern kingdom of Israel (not Judah). Eventually, God rewarded Elijah with a death-free trip to heaven, making him only the second man to escape death, as far as we know.

We may not escape death, but we can walk in the power and presence of God. **Isaiah 40:31** (NKJV) reads:  
**But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.**

Let’s rise to the challenges of our day with the grace and help of God. We can renew and recharge in His presence and power. Never forget that in the end, we win because Jesus paid the price for our victory over the evil forces of this world.

As we close, let’s Keep The Light of *Recharging Our Souls in the Presence of God* Burning!