

Introduction

- I. In Elijah we witness the hills and valleys of faith in the Christian life.
- II. This word is important because it addresses depression, which continues to be a real struggle for many of God's people.

**The Prophet Standing for the Lord  
(9) From the Juniper to the Mount**

I. **The Depressed Prophet**

- A. We see from his actions the classic symptoms of someone who is depressed.

B. What explains this depression of Elijah under the Juniper tree?

II. **The Lord's Encouragement**

- A. We notice from the text the merciful presence of the Lord with Elijah in his depression.

B. God speaks two things as a word of encouragement to Elijah:

1. After seeing a strong wind, an earthquake, and fire, Elijah hears a still, small voice.

2. God says to Elijah, now get to work. I have things for you to do.

III. **The Lessons Learned**

- A. In our lives, especially in depression, we must learn to think according to truth and not according to our feelings.

B. God has a purpose for us in our lives, which is to serve Him and serve others.