

“The Juniper Tree Angel” by Kirk Hunt

And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

1 Kings 19:5 KJV

Read also 1 Kings 18 and 19

In the prior 24-72 hours, Elijah had prayed fire from heaven, then prayed drought-breaking rain into the nation. You would think the prophet’s spiritual experiences, depth and maturity would make him immune to human limits. Instead fatigue, doubt and discouragement left him whimpering under a nameless tree, praying for his own end.

Thankfully, God dispatched a minister to help Elijah with his human limits. Food and rest, alone, enabled the prophet to carry on from the juniper tree. The prophet would resume his powerful and faithful ministry after this “little vacation.”

Elijah slept safely with divinely appointed protection. Elijah received divinely appointed nourishment. Elijah received divinely appointed direction and instruction.

No matter what great and powerful calling you are doing in God’s Kingdom, you remain human. Should you find yourself under a juniper tree, look for the divinely appointed minister (angelic or human) God has dispatched to your side. You will carry on, through His power.

Human limits are what they are. God will help you to fulfill your calling, no matter how big it seems to you. Your “juniper angel” will provide what you need to carry on.

Think: God always provides for His servants, even in their lesser moments.

Pray: “Lord, I need Your help to carry on with my calling.”

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