

## The Drop Off

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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The “drop off” has two meanings. First, it is a brief delivery; and second, to decline or to descend. From the life of the prophet Elijah, we will see how he went from the first meaning of “drop off” to its second meaning (1 King 19: 1-5).

Strong faith does not prevent weak moments, and weak moments do not prevent faith. If God takes us to a place that He guides, He provides. God provides when there is a famine in the land, a lack in our lives, or when we are in a wilderness situation. God will “drop off” his provision in our worst situation because He is our provider. (Philippians 4:19)

Four Factors that made Elijah **Drop off** (decline)

### 1. Disappointment

- This is symbolized by unmet expectations. Elijah expected the Hebrews would turn back to God after Elijah showed them how mighty He is (1 Kings 18:16-45), but they did not.
- Disappointment is only a feeling; it does not define us.

### 2. Responsibility

- Elijah ran away from his responsibilities because he didn't see the result despite giving his all.
- When we run away from God, He still provides our needs even though we don't deserve it (1 Kings 19:6). He does it so that we can continue our journey.

### 3. Opposition (1 Kings 19:9-10)

- The enemy instills deception, fear, and doubt whenever we are alone and in isolation. Our inner self becomes our greatest enemy because we have to deal with our struggles – mental, emotional, and spiritual. However, God doesn't want us to go through these struggles and be alone; He guarantees that He is always with us.

### 4. Position

- The cave is the wrong place for us to stay.

Proximity to the source (God) of “the drop off” is vital in receiving it – God's provision, miracle, forgiveness, mercy, peace, reassurance, and revelation. We should stay close and should be connected to God, so that He can drop off the blessings in our lives.

When Elijah decided to hide in a cave, the LORD MOTIONED ELIJAH, “GO BACK the way you came” (1 King 19: 15)

- God allowed Elijah to lose his strength because God wanted him to drop off and depend on Him.
- If we drop off, God is calling us to surrender to Him.
- Returning to God does not require a change in feeling but requires a change in focus and position.

**God requires us to go back to the cause of our “drop off” – disappointment, responsibility, opposition, and position.**

- We have to go back to our disappointments because God will drop off his blessings.
- We have to go back to our responsibility because God will drop off renewed strength, zeal, and passion.
- We have to go back to our opposition because God will drop off endurance, courage, and confidence.
- Truly, God has positioned us for greatness, not for defeat. He has positioned us to get His “drop off” and not to miss it.

**Now, let's tell ourselves, “Look up, and watch the drop off from God!”**

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