"What Doest Thou Here?"

TEXT: 1 Kings 19:9-18

INTRODUCTION:
A. BACKGROUND(1 Kings 17 - 19:8).
B. THRU ALL GOD HAD CARED FOR ELIJAH AND PROVEN HIMSELF.
C. HOW WE VIEW THIS QUESTION DEPENDS ON EMPHASIS:
   1. "WHAT doest thou here?"
   2. "What doest THOU here?"
D. IT IS A QUESTION WE MIGHT ASK OURSELVES.

I. "WHAT DOEST THOU HERE?"
A. WHERE WAS HE? IN THE CAVES OF DESPONDENCY.
B. MOST OBVIOUSLY, HE WAS HIDING.
C. WHILE HIDING, HE WAS DOING NOTHING FOR THE LORD.

II. "WHAT DOEST THOU HERE?"
A. OF ALL PEOPLE, ELIJAH SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER.
B. WE SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO BE DISCOURAGED AND HIDE.
   1. We have God's promise(2 Tim. 2:11-13).
   2. We have seen him deliver(Rom. 15:4).
   3. Romans 8:31f.

III. ELIJAH WAS GIVEN A MISSION(vs. 15-16).
A. WE ALSO HAVE A MISSION(Matt. 28:19-20).
B. WE CAN DO NOTHING WHILE HIDING IN OUR CAVE OF DESPONDENCY.

CONCLUSION:
A. WE NEED TO HAVE FAITH IN GOD AND DO WHAT HE REDEEMED US TO DO.
B. THERE ARE NO EXCUSES, JUST AS THERE WERE NONE FOR ELIJAH/
C. HAVE YOU OBEYED THE LORD?