

## **1 Peter 2: 4-9 (ESV)**

**4.** As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

**5.** you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**6.** For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

**7.** So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,”

**8.** and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

**9.** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

### **Applications:**

Stones are chosen and valued by the builder for the support they provide.

Stones with no density are crushed under pressure, while some stones become diamonds under extreme pressure.

### **1 Kings 19:9-12**

**9** There he went into a cave and spent the night.

The Lord Appears to Elijah

And the word of the Lord came to him: “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

what an interesting question. God omnipresent seeing all

Adam in garden of Eden, where are you.

**10** He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.”

**11** The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

**12** After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

**Applications:**

The fiercest battles sometimes come after a great victory.  
Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.  
Praise be to Jehovah-nissi the Lord Our Banner!