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the prophet's heart.

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We come to this fifth act of the drama, a still small voice a soft whisper, as the words may be rendered like sweet music falling upon a person's ear. Scripture tells us the Lord is there. Here is a strange contrast, the hurricane, the earthquake, it is a voice a still voice, a small voice. When we compare it with the riotous elements and thou all nature is quiet, the sky is clear, the soft evening shadows fall gently upon the mountainside and nature's vast volume opens all of her pages and at last we come to see that God is Love. It is enough. A prophet reads, he rejoices, he wraps his mantle about him, he comes forth to stand at the entrance of the cave.

Like the stillness in a church there spreads gradually over all nature and it seems as if every hill and the whole earth and the sky lay silent at the footstool of God's throne. That the very mountain seems to worship

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Him, as he hears the still small voice.

The terror of the Lord brought awe to his soul, but Love melts and wins. What the law could not do the gospel had done. Romans 8:3 "There is nothing beyond the sweet attraction of the cross." John 12:32 "The lightning the thunder the trumpets and the voices of Sinai do not move the world as the last seven words of the crucified Christ. It was not the wind that parted the Red Sea, it was not the fire that swept the top of Sinai, but it was when God came down that was heard in the streets of Bethlehem the voice of a small child. What drama, drama before a cave. The traveler was made to wrap his garments closely about him and now to come out before the power of God's voice.

Before he had sought to excuse himself, even as Aujemu said, "Come and see my zeal for the Lord." Yet the scripture tells us that he did not walk in the law of God. Or we see Saul who had zeal for the children of Israel, or we look at Paul who said he had zeal, but not according to knowledge, when he persecuted the church. And now here by the still small voice the prophet comes out and listens to God speak.

A great wind had been a sign of how the people were to be invaded, the great earthquake was a sign of a revolution