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ed among people that have afflictions, conflicts, calamities,
revival preachers and all these things to promote God's
work, and yet we know that people still absent themselves
from God, but cannot many people remember how God lays
his hand upon them, upon a sick bed or when they were
broken up, or in a moment when their dreams of earthly
happiness had been crumbled at a tomb, you felt that
everything had been crushed. That you were unprepared to
die, you were standing on the verge of eternity, or perhaps
you were in high fever and the dim lamp of life burned,
below. Your mind was filled with black despair and there
were many visions of unrepented and unforgiven sin rising
up behind and before. Do you remember how conscience
opened up before you as the drama opened up for the,
prophet on the mount. That God is righteous and holy,
and he spared you. Do you remember how the still small
voice, a ray of hope, whispered in your heart, "Awake,
thou that sleeps and arise from the dead and Christ
shall give thee life." Outward circumstances may be helpful
in bringing men to acknowledge God, but we cannot depend
entirely upon these outward circumstances, because we
know that the thing which touched the prophet's heart
here was the still, small voice that spoke to his heart.

to him in some definite way.

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I think first the narrator says, "God says, we want
to understand the heavenly power. It seems that Elijah
needed to know that he could trust God's power. Elijah
said, "I am alone." Then it was pointed out to him that
he was not alone. He had forgotten that there were 7,000
who had not bowed a knee to the idol in the nation. And
God gives him an exhibition of his mighty power, and he
causes the prophet to have conviction revived in his heart.
To know that the Lord God still reigns over the earth, the
hurricane, the earthquake and the fire. And God spoke to
him saying, "Power belongeth to me. Will you distrust
me after this? Can I, who have the elements in my grasp
able to whip the mountains and beat the hills, can I not
be trusted to protect your life? Why are you afraid, when
you have God to stand beside you? We recognize it all
through these tremendous natural performances of nature
that the Lord himself was not either in the wind or the
fire or the earthquake. We must regard them therefore
as conveying to the prophet additional symbol of meaning.
that they somewhat revealed his own moods of his mind and