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19:11-13
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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.

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

¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

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What has happened in the life Elisha up to this point?





1 Kings
19:1-4a
NLT

¹ When Ahab got home, he told Jezebel everything Elijah had done, including the way he had killed all the prophets of Baal. ² So Jezebel sent this message to Elijah: “May the gods strike me and even kill me if by this time tomorrow I have not killed you just as you killed them.”

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19:1-4a
NLT

³ Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. ⁴ Then he went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day.



1 Kings
19:8-9
NLT

⁸ So he got up and ate and drank, and the food gave him enough strength to travel forty days and forty nights to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God. ⁹ There he came to a cave, where he spent the night. But the Lord said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”



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Elisha's
problem and
God's
solution.

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1 Kings
19:10
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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.”

Elisha is nearly **400** miles from where he is supposed to be, however God doesn't **abandon** him. God does the opposite, He **pursues** him.

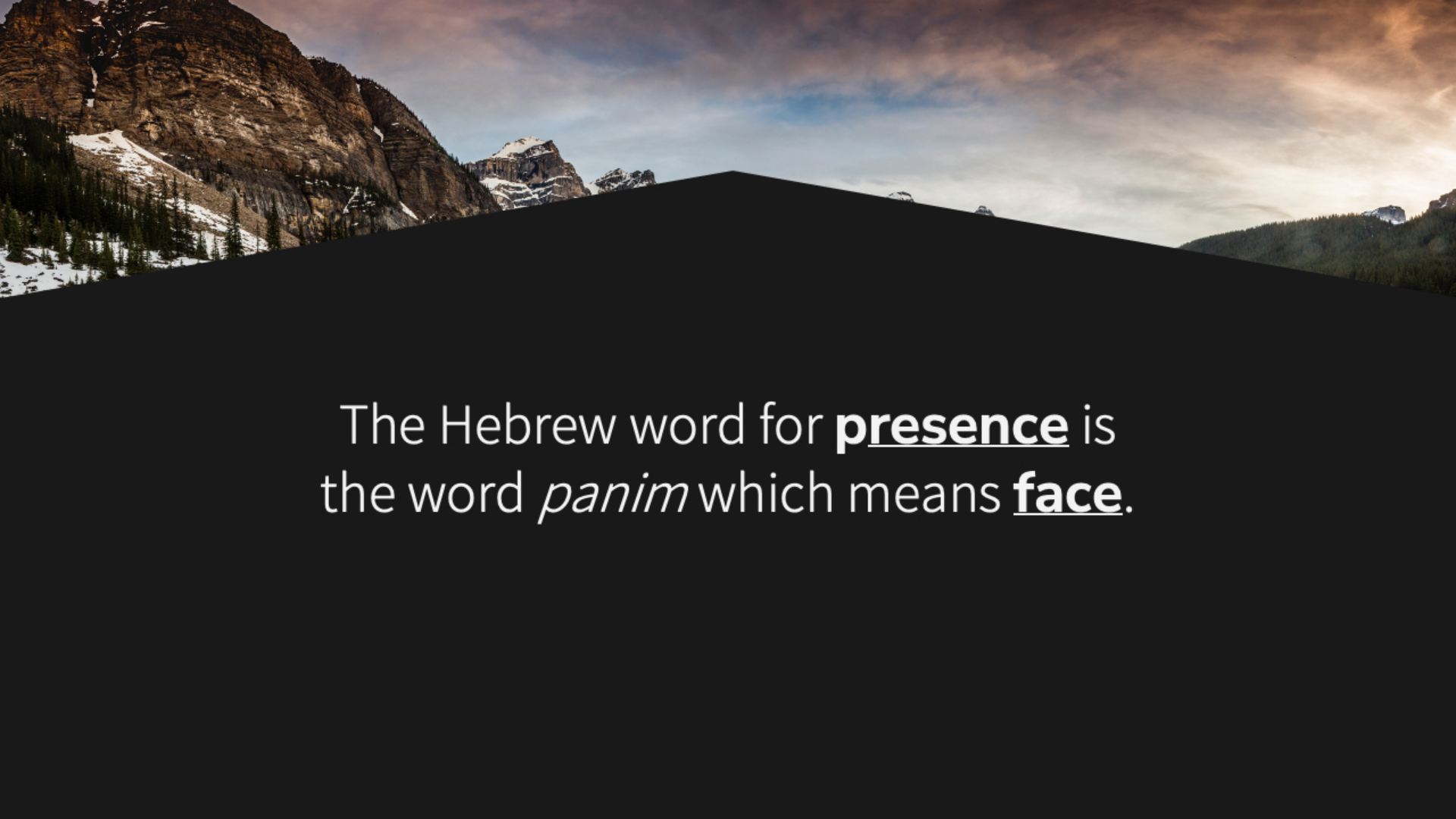


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The Hebrew word for **presence** is
the word *panim* which means **face**.

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How important
is the Presence
of God to you?



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Exodus
33:1, 3
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Then the Lord said to Moses, “Leave this place, you and the people you brought up out of Egypt, and go up to the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’”

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33:1, 3
NIV

3 “Go up to the land flowing with milk and honey. But I will not go with you, because you are a stiff-necked people and I might destroy you on the way.”

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Exodus
33:15
NIV

¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.”

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Moses was basically saying, I am not willing to sacrifice your **presence** for your **blessing**.





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How to experience
the Presence of
God in our lives.

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Deuteronomy



4:29
NLT

²⁹ But from there you will search again for the Lord your God. And if you search for him with all your heart and soul, you will find him.

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James

4:8a

NIV

Come near to God and he will come near to you.