

NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

SERMON NOTES

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God Will Provide

1 Kings 17:1-6

“Do you trust your resources, or do you trust your provider?” – Pastor Billy Johnson

1 Kings 17:1-6 (NKJV)

¹ And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word."

² Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

³ "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.

⁴ And it will be *that* you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there."

⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.

⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook.

GET TO THE PLACE – vs. 3

³ "Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan

“Many people want God’s provisioning without God’s positioning...have you discovered your place?” – Pastor Billy Johnson

LISTEN FOR THE COMMAND - 4

⁴ And it will be *that* you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there."

OBEY THE INSTRUCTION - 5

⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.

“God’s provision is connected to His instruction.” - Pastor Billy Johnson

RECEIVE THE PROVISION

⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook.

“Quit complaining about the provision that God has sent.” - Pastor Billy Johnson

1 Kings 17:7-6 (NKJV)

⁷And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE BROOK DRIES UP?

WHEN THE BROOK DRIES UP, DO WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO DO!

What had he been trained to do?

- GET TO THE PLACE
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GET TO THE PLACE - 9

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

⁹"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.

LISTEN FOR THE COMMAND – 9-12, 14

⁹"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.

¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink."

¹¹And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

¹²So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

Sometimes you must help people hear the command from the Lord – 14

¹⁴For *thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'* "

OBEY THE INSTRUCTION – 13-15a

¹³And Elijah said to her, *"Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son.*

RECEIVE THE PROVISION – 15-16

¹⁵*So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.*

¹⁶*The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.*

“She sowed and then God multiplied.” - Pastor Billy Johnson

Are you looking for abundance when God is trying to teach you dependence.

Although Elijah faced a dry brook and a depleted barrel, he had a God who would provide