

DESPERATE PRAYER, DIVINE POWER

1 Kings 17:17–24

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SERMON APPLICATION REVIEW

What biblical promise did you claim this past week (17:1b)?

How did you see God's provision show up in your life (17:4–6, 7–16)?

How did you immediately respond in obedience to God's Word (17:5, 10, 15)?

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 17:17–24, 2 Kings 4:8–37; Hebrews 2:14–16; 1 Corinthians 15:54–58;

Mark 5:21–24, 35–43; Luke 7:11–17; John 11:1–57

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. When have you lost someone precious to you (17:17)? How did you walk through that grief? Where did you see God in the midst of your heartbreak? What did the Lord teach you?
2. When hardship hits, do you ever find yourself wondering, "Is God angry with me (17:18)? Is this happening because of something I did?" What does this reveal about your view of God? Read John 9:1–4. How does Jesus correct the tendency to link suffering directly with guilt or divine punishment? How might God be using your pain not to condemn you, but to draw you closer to Him?
3. When have you fervently prayed for someone going through suffering and grief (17:20–22)? What was the outcome? Who in your life right now needs you to pray with compassion, even when you don't have answers? What would it look like to cry out to God, believing He can bring life where everything looks dead?
4. When has God revived something in your life that you thought was gone for good—perhaps hope, peace, joy, or purpose (17:23)? What did that moment teach you about His power to redeem what's been lost? How can you share that story this week with someone who feels their situation is hopeless?
5. When have you looked back and realized God's Word is faithful and powerful (17:24)? How is your confidence in God's Word shaping the way you face present trials? What would it look like this week to live as if God's Word truly brings life?

RECOMMENDED READING

Tim Keller, *Hope in Times of Fear: The Resurrection and the Meaning of Easter* (Penguin, 2021)

Murray J. Harris, *Glimpsing the Future: New Testament Perspectives on Death, Resurrection, Immortality, Eternity, and the Afterlife* (Cascade, 2024)