

1 Kings 17:7-24

Elijah attempted the unprecedented, and changed history, forever.

(1 Kings 17:7-16)

“Some time later...”

This phrase connects this week’s story to last weeks story.

God tells Elijah to boldly confront King Ahab, then to go hide!

God provides for Elijah naturally (brook) and supernaturally (ravens).

“The brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land.”

Elijah becomes the victim of his own prayer? Ever happened to you?

“Go at once to Zarephath...I have directed a widow there to supply you w/food.”

We provide for widows; widows don’t provide for us!

“She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day...”

She was preparing her last supper; Elijah said, prepare a supper that lasts!

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“Some time later the son of the woman...became ill...stopped breathing.

Death is the wolf that’s always at door, she lost her beloved—again!

“Elijah...took him from her arms...and cried...”Lord...let this boy’s life return...”

(Js. 5:15-17) Why does James mention Elijah as definition of effective prayer?

“The Lord heard Elijah’s cry, and the boy’s life returned to him, and he lived.”

Elijah asked God for the unprecedented, and we can too!

Tragedy is not the time for us to turtle, but time to pray the unprecedented.

Do you pray for the unprecedented, or have your prayers become small, impotent and anemic? (Lk. 18:27)

Resurrection has identified God’s people for over 3000 years.

It started with Elijah, seen fully in Christ (Jn 11:25), now it’s coming for us!

(1 Thes 4:13-18)