

I. God’s Kingdom Purpose for Elijah (1)

“Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”

A. To confront a bad man - “Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab...”

B. To live as a believing man - "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand..."

C. To speak as a bold man - "...there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."

II. God’s Strange Plan for Elijah (2-4)

A. Elijah would leave the place of significance (2-3a) - “And the word of the Lord came to him: Depart from here...”

B. Elijah would enter the place of humbling (3b) - “...and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith (to cut down, to cut off), which is east of the Jordan.”

C. Elijah would live in the place of dependence (4) - “You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moses in Midian’s backside of the desert 2. Joseph in the dungeon, betrayed & forgotten 3. John the Baptist in prison for doing good 4. Paul - Arabian desert for three years, zeal w/o outlet 5. Jesus in the carpenter shop 	<p>A MOM IN HER HOME ALL DAY W/ THE KIDS A MISSIONARY ON THE ROAD RAISING SUPPORT A CHRISTIAN IN THE HOSPITAL A SERVANT WITH NO OPEN DOOR FOR MINISTRY A SINGLE PERSON WAITING ON GOD’S MATE</p>
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III. God’s Steadfast Provision For Elijah (5-7)

A. It began with unquestioning obedience (5) - “So he went and did according to the word of the Lord. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan.”

B. It occurred in unspectacular circumstance (6) - “And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.”

C. It climaxed with unexpected disturbance (7) - “And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.”

God dried up Elijah’s current place before moving him to his next place. There were more lessons to be learned.