

The Book of First KINGS
Chapters 17
“The Life of Elijah” (Part 1)

Chapter 17- “Elijah’s Faith & Miracles”

(v1) GOD’S PROPHECY! (Elijah declares judgment against King Ahab of Israel, which is the Northern Kingdom.) (New Testament insight: **James 5:16-18** - *The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.*)

(v2-7) GOD’S PROTECTION! (Elijah protected at Raven’s Restaurant (Matthew 10:27-31 - *“Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.”*))

(v8-16) GOD’S PROVISION! (Elijah brings FAITH to a widow’s household. (cp. Matthew 6:25-34.))

(v17-23) GOD’S POWER! (Notice Elijah’s prayer & intercession for the widow’s dead son; this spiritual “CPR” – CALL – PRAY – RESURRECT! - **Ephesians 2:4-8**- *But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*)

> Compare the life of Jesus: (1) *Feeding the multitudes* - Matthew 14:15-21; (2) *Raising people from the dead: Jairus’s daughter* - Mark 5:21-43 – Our Lord’s power! The Widow’s son – Luke 7:11-17- Our Lord’s compassion! Lazarus – John 11:1-44 – Our Lord’s faithfulness! (Make a list of names and perform CPR on them!)

(v24) GOD’S PROMISE! – **“TRUTH!”** (Jesus is the Word of God who became flesh, *“the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth”* (John 1:14). All Jesus said was true, because He told the truth which He heard from God (John 8:40). He promised His disciples that He would send *“the Spirit of truth”* (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13) - a Helper who would abide in Christians forever (John 14:16), testify about Jesus (John 15:26), guide Christians into all truth (John 16:13), and glorify Jesus (John 16:14). God is truth; the Spirit is truth; and Jesus is truth. Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”* (John 14:6).