

THE ONE TRUE GOD

1 Kings 17:2–24

SERMON SUMMARY:

The trouble with idols is that they promise what they cannot deliver. But the one true God can meet our deepest needs. In our passage today, Elijah learned to depend on God for his needs and the needs of others.

SERMON OUTLINE:

Why We Fall For Idols

We are deceived by cheap replicas.

God Teaches Elijah

Lesson #1: God is provider.

Lesson #2: God is sovereign over all.

Lesson #3: God is the life-giver.

Application

When resources are scarce, trust in the provider.

When we experience death, trust in the life-giver.

THINK ABOUT IT/TALK ABOUT IT:

- Reflect on a time when you were deceived by something that promised fulfillment but couldn't deliver. What was the outcome of placing your trust in that thing?
- Reflect on each of the three lessons about God's nature from these passages. What happens when we forget these things, and how do our lives change when we remember these things?
- In what ways do these three lessons about God's character contrast with what people in America believe today?
- How can we practically trust in God as our provider rather than succumbing to fear or anxiety?
- Share personal experiences of relying on God's provision in times of need and witnessing His faithfulness.
- How can trusting in God as the life-giver change our perspective on death and bring hope in the midst of grief and loss?