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IN 1 & 2 KINGS

Are You Like Elijah?

1 Kings 17-18



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Elijah	Jesus
Multiplied oil and flour for a widow (1 Kings 17:8-16)	Multiplied bread and fish for thousands (Matt. 14:13-21)
Raised the widow's son from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24)	Raised Jairus' daughter and Lazarus from the dead - (Mk 5:35-43; Jn 11)
Called Israel to choose between God and Baal (1 Kings 18:21)	Called people to repent and believe the Gospel (Mark 1:15)
Prayed and stopped rain for 3½ years (James 5:17-18)	Spoke and calmed storms, commanded nature (Mark 4:39)
Met God on Mount Horeb in a gentle whisper (1 Kings 19:12)	Revealed His glory on the Mount of Transfiguration (Luke 9:28-31)
Taken to heaven without dying (2 Kings 2:11)	Ascended to heaven after His resurrection (Acts 1:9-11)

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James 5:17

Elijah was a human being as we are...

Feel Weak, Tired, Lonely, and Even Discouraged

The Power of Prayer, The Reality of God's Provision, and The Importance of Obedience

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Trust God's Provision in the Dry Seasons

1 Kings 17:1-6

¹ Now Elijah the Tishbite, from the Gilead settlers, said to Ahab, "As the LORD God of Israel lives, in whose presence I stand, there will be no dew or rain during these years except by my command!" ² Then the word of the LORD came to him: ³ "Leave here, turn eastward, and hide at the Wadi Cherith where it enters the Jordan. ⁴ You are to drink from the wadi. I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there." ⁵ So he proceeded to do what the LORD commanded. Elijah left and lived at the Wadi Cherith where it enters the Jordan. ⁶ The ravens kept bringing him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he would drink from the wadi. ⁷ After a while, the wadi dried up because there had been no rain in the land.

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Even When Your Supply Runs Dry, Your Source Hasn't Changed



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Obey God Even When It Doesn't Make Sense

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹ "Get up, go to Zarephath that belongs to Sidon and stay there. Look, I have commanded a woman who is a widow to provide for you there." ¹⁰ So Elijah got up and went to Zarephath. When he arrived at the city gate, there was a widow gathering wood. Elijah called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup and let me drink." ¹¹ As she went to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I don't have anything baked—only a handful of flour in the jar and a bit of oil in the jug. Just now, I am gathering a couple of sticks in order to go prepare it for myself and my son so we can eat it and die."

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¹³ Then Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid; go and do as you have said. But **first**, make me a small loaf from it and bring it out to me. Afterward, you may make some for yourself and your son, ¹⁴ **for this is what the LORD God of Israel says**: 'The flour jar will not become empty and the oil jug will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the surface of the land.'" ¹⁵ So she proceeded to do according to the word of Elijah. Then the woman, Elijah, and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The flour jar did not become empty, and the oil jug did not run dry, according to the word of the LORD he had spoken through Elijah.

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Sometimes God's Provision Is Waiting
On the Other Side of Your Obedience



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Pray Boldly and Expect God to Act

1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷ After this, the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. His illness got worse until he stopped breathing. ¹⁸ She said to Elijah, "Man of God, what do you have against me? Have you come to call attention to my iniquity so that my son is put to death?" ¹⁹ But Elijah said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him from her arms, brought him up to the upstairs room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD and said, "LORD my God, have you also brought tragedy on the widow I am staying with by killing her son?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself out over the boy three times. He cried out to the LORD and said, "LORD my God, please let this boy's life come into him again!"

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²² So the LORD listened to Elijah, and the boy's life came into him again, and he lived. ²³ Then Elijah took the boy, brought him down from the upstairs room into the house, and gave him to his mother. Elijah said, "Look, your son is alive." ²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know you are a man of God and the LORD's word from your mouth is true."

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Bold Prayers Invite Miraculous Answers

**Pray
BOLD
Prayers**

Prayer Is the Link Between God's Power and Your Problems

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Stand for God Even When You Stand Alone

1 Kings 18:16-21

¹⁵ Then Elijah said, "As the LORD of Armies lives, in whose presence I stand, today I will present myself to Ahab." ¹⁶ Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him. Then Ahab went to meet Elijah. ¹⁷ When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, "Is that you, the one ruining Israel?" ¹⁸ He replied, "I have not ruined Israel, but you and your father's family have, because you have abandoned the LORD's commands and followed the Baals." ¹⁹ Now summon all Israel to meet me at Mount Carmel, along with the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah who eat at Jezebel's table." ²⁰ So Ahab summoned all the Israelites and gathered the prophets at Mount Carmel.

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1 Kings 18:16-21

²¹ Then Elijah approached all the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him. But if Baal, follow him." But the people didn't answer him a word.

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One Person Fully Surrendered to God
Can Make a Huge Difference



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Keep Praying Until the Rain Comes

1 Kings 18:41-46

¹ Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a rainstorm." ⁴² So Ahab went to eat and drink, but Elijah went up to the summit of Carmel. He bent down on the ground and put his face between his knees.

⁴³ Then he said to his servant, "Go up and look toward the sea." So he went up, looked, and said, "There's nothing." Seven times Elijah said, "Go back."

⁴⁴ On the seventh time, he reported, "There's a cloud as small as a man's hand coming up from the sea." Then Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Get your chariot ready and go down so the rain doesn't stop you.'" ⁴⁵ In a little while, the sky grew dark with clouds and wind, and there was a downpour. So Ahab got in his chariot and went to Jezreel. ⁴⁶ The power of the LORD was on Elijah, and he tucked his mantle under his belt and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

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Don't Quit Just Before the Answer Comes



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5 Faith Lessons

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- Sometimes God's Provision Is Waiting
On the Other Side of Your Obedience
- Bold Prayers Invite Miraculous Answers
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