

## “MIRACLES - WHERE IS THE LORD GOD OF ELIJAH” (1Ki. 17)

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**INTRO:** This new series is based on Elisha’s question in 2Kings 2:14, where Elisha was wondering if the miracle-working God of Elijah would continue working miracles after Elijah was gone. Let’s find out! Elijah is first mentioned in 1Kings 17. Ahab had become king over Israel and did more evil than any king before him (1Ki. 16:29-33). In 1Kings 17, the prophet Elijah is sent to the wicked king Ahab, to give him the word of the Lord. God often raises up prophetic people to address prevailing wickedness.

### **Miracle #1: Elijah Declares a Draught (1Ki. 17:1).**

- A. Elijah prophesies to King Ahab that there’s going to be a draught until he says differently (v. 1).
  - 1. God can decide to send things like draughts to accomplish His purposes!
  - 2. This draught would not only impact wicked king Ahab, but righteous people as well!
- B. While God can provide during such times, we may not be fully exempt from such words!
- C. This miracle includes sub-miracles – one miracle may open the door for additional miracles!

### **Miracle #2: God Supernaturally Sustains Elijah During the Draught (1Ki. 17:2-6).**

- A. God promised to sustain Elijah (vv. 2-6).
- B. Elijah was to hide by the Brook Cherith where he would drink the water and be fed by ravens.
- C. God has a hiding place of provision for you!
- D. Elijah had to stay put and trust God!

### **Miracle #3: The Multiplying of Flour and Oil (vv. 7-16).**

- A. Eventually the brook dried up (v. 7).
  - 1. God’s plan for provision can change, so focus more on the source of provision than the channel through which the provision flows.
- B. Elijah was now to go to Zarephath where God had commanded a widow to provide for him (vv. 8-9).
- C. When he got there, he found a widow and asked her for a drink of water & a morsel of bread (vv. 10-11).
- D. She only had a little flour and oil left (v. 12).
  - 1. Did Elijah find the right widow?
  - 2. Elijah told her to feed him first (v. 13)!
- E. Elijah told her that the flour and oil would not run dry until the draught was over (vv. 14-16).
  - 1. Note her giving had to precede her receiving!
  - 2. Ministry to another may open the door for God’s miracle to you!
  - 3. God often uses what we do have to produce the miracle of what we don’t have but need.

### **Miracle #4: The Raising of the Widow’s Son From the Dead (1Ki. 17:17-24).**

- A. This widow’s son became sick and died (v. 17), and she was very distraught (v. 18).
  - 1. Suffering and grief can cause one to lose proper perspective (v. 18).
- B. Elijah took her son and carried him to the upper room where he prayed for him, and he came back to life (vv. 19-24).

**CONCLUSION: Where is the Lord God of Elijah? He is still doing miracles today (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8; James 1:17; 5:17-18)!**