

Lessons on God's Providence!

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Series: 1 Kings – Lessons from the Journey

“Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!” *Luke 12:24 ESV*

The Decline of God's People!

“And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.” *1 Kings 14:30 ESV*

“And He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he sinned and made Israel to sin.” *1 Kings 14:16 ESV*

“Omri did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and did more evil than all who were before him. For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in the sins that he made Israel to sin, provoking the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger by their idols.” *1 Kings 16:21-29 ESV*

“And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him. And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam” *1 Kings 16:30-31a ESV*

A Godly Prophet: Elijah

“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.” *1 Kings 17:1 ESV*

“And the word of the Lord came to him: “Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” *1 Kings 17:2-4 ESV*

“And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.” *1 Kings 17:6 ESV*

A Trusting Woman

“Then the word of the Lord came to him, ‘Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.’” *1 Kings 17:8-9 ESV*

“So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.’” *1 Kings 17:10 ESV*

“And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.’”
1 Kings 17:11 ESV

“And she said, ‘As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.’”
1 Kings 17:12 ESV

“And Elijah said to her, ‘Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.’”
1 Kings 17:13 ESV

“For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’”
1 Kings 17:14 ESV

“And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.”
1 Kings 17:15-16 ESV

Four Truths About Trusting God to Provide

1. Contentment flows in you when you trust Him.

“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’”
Hebrews 13:5 ESV

2. He has prepared you to be poured into others.

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”
2 Corinthians 9:8 ESV

3. He has empowered you to walk in His ways.

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.”
2 Peter 1:3 ESV

4. Only Jesus provides this overflowing life.

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”
John 10:10 ESV

Are you willing to let the Lord meet your needs?

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