

“Word of the Lord through Elijah” (Part 2)

1 Kings 17

I. Elijah is sent to the Widow:

1 Kings 17:8–9 — *“Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ⁹ ‘Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.’”*

A. What does God command His servant, Elijah? V8

1. What might Elijah be concluding about a widow who could provide for him during a famine?

B. What does God command a widow in Sidon? V9

1. How might God have communicated to the widow? > Remember God’s command to Joseph?
2. How would you receive a message from God to provide for someone during a famine?

C. What was the widow’s situation when Elijah saw her?

1 Kings 17:10–12 — *“¹⁰ 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, ‘Please get me a little water in a jar, that I may drink.’ ¹¹ As she was going 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 have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die.’”*

1. **v10 & 12** - Elijah saw that this widow was _____.

D. Observation:

1. God often chooses those who have a good heart to become instruments of His.
2. God sometimes sends us people in need when we ourselves have little to give.

E. Question:

1. Would God ever send us someone to help them with that which we had plans to use ourselves? Would you trust God in this?
2. How do you know when God is calling you to help someone? (**Titus 3:14**)

II. God tests the widow and Elijah.

1 Kings 17:13–14 — *“¹³ Then Elijah said to her, ‘Do not fear; go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first and bring it out to me, and afterward you may make one for yourself and for your son. ¹⁴ ‘For thus says the Lord God of Israel, ‘The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.’ ”*

A. How was Elijah being tested by what he had to say? V13

B. How was the widow being tested in listen to Elijah? V14

III. God saves those who trust His word.

1 Kings 17:15–16 — *“¹⁵ So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke through Elijah.”*

A. What did the widow do? -v15a

B. What happened as result? -v15b

C. What made this miracle possible? -v16