

“God hears the voice of Elijah”

1 Kings 17:17-24

How God’s people minister in times of tragedy?

I. Tragedy strikes the widow’s son.

A. What happened to the widow?

1 Kings 17:17 — *“¹⁷ Now it came about after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his sickness was so severe that there was no breath left in him.”*

1. How is this painfully unexpected to happen for this particular woman ?

B. Who did she blame for this tragedy?

1 Kings 17:18 — *“¹⁸ So she said to Elijah, “What do I have to do with you, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance and to put my son to death!””*

1. Why did she think God took her son?
2. What should we say to those who are angry with God for their tragedy? -- John 10:10–11
3. What does the God say concerning those who mourn?

a. *Matthew 5:4* —

b. *Revelation 21:4* -

II. Elijah ministers to the widow’s sorrow.

A. What two ways does Elijah minister to her?

1 Kings 17:19–20 — *“¹⁹ He said to her, “Give me your son.” Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the upper room where he was living, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ He called to the Lord and said, “O Lord my God, have You also brought calamity to the widow with whom I am staying, by causing her son to die?””*

1. First, Elijah _____ her sorrows and burden.
2. Second, Elijah prays that God would _____.

B. What happened when Elijah prayed?

1 Kings 17:21–22 — *“²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to the Lord and said, “O Lord my God, I pray You, let this child’s life return to him.” ²² The Lord heard the voice of Elijah, and the life of the child returned to him and he revived.”*

1. What does Elijah’s prayer reveal about his relationship with God -v21?
2. What did this statement mean to one of the apostles who saw Christ? -John 20:28
3. What example does Elijah provide for us want our voices heard also? --James 5:16–18

C. What two things did the widow learn when her son was raised?

1 Kings 17:24 — *“²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.””*

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2. _____