

Elijah: Learning to Follow God
Learning About God's Provision and Power
1 Kings 17:8-24 (page 245)

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Lessons from Zarephath...

God is able to provide for us in even the most desperate situations (1 Kings 17:8-16)

He can provide:

- in enemy territory (vs 8)
- through unexpected sources (v 9-10)
- in our most extreme time of need (v 11-12)
- to be faithful to His Word (v 13-16)

Note: Obedience to God's Word brings blessing to us and others.

God is the Source and Giver of Life (1 Kings 17:9-24)

Tragic circumstances:

- bring despair and hopelessness (vs 17-18)
- drive us to cry out to God for help (vs 19-21)
- bring a new awareness of God's grace and power (vs 22-23)
- deepen our confidence and faith in God (v 23)

Note: God is able to deliver us from every enemy, including death.

Spend some time....

Go back through chapter 17:1-24 and note how many times "the word of the Lord came to Elijah"....then note what Elijah's response was on each of those occasions. Do you allow the word of the Lord to come to you? How does that happen? What is YOUR response to God? Explain. _____

Do the same for the widow of Zarephath...as she heard from God through Elijah's words. How did she respond. What *change took place* in her life by the end of the chapter (v 24)? Have you come to the same conclusion? *How does (or how should) that affect the way you live?* _____

Have you experienced a time at Zarephath, where God is working through the furnace to "refine" and "purify" you? Describe what you learned there. How did it make a difference in your life?
