

# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ELIJAH

## 1 Kings 17:8-16

Elijah was a man of few words; he was the poster-boy for the slogan, “\_\_\_\_\_ speak louder than words”  
Elijah’s actions were living \_\_\_\_\_ ; the events of his life were the mouthpiece by which God spoke

### I. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE GOSPEL

God sent Elijah to Zarephath in Phoenicia, ruled by \_\_\_\_\_ father—to Idolatryville in Heathenland!

#### A. God’s Sovereign Power Extends to \_\_\_\_\_ Lands

- 1) In ancient times, each nation had its own god and believed its god had power only w/in its \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) By means of the drought God displayed His power over \_\_\_\_\_ , a fertility god who promised rain

#### B. God’s Saving \_\_\_\_\_ Extends to Heathen Lands

- 1) The OT concept of salvation is broader than the NT concept: God rescuing from personal \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The widow’s condition—destitute and near death—is a living \_\_\_\_\_ of the spiritual state of all
- 3) In Luke 4:24-26 Jesus teaches that His saving grace does not stop at the border of \_\_\_\_\_

### II. THE ROLE OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND REPENTANCE IN GOSPEL

#### A. The Faith the Gospel Demands Is a Life and \_\_\_\_\_ Matter

- 1) This widow bet her life and her son’s on the truthfulness of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ proclaimed by Elijah
- 2) In a sense, Elijah proclaimed the \_\_\_\_\_ —the good news—to this widow in the promise he made

#### B. The Gospel Centers in a Double Demand: \_\_\_\_\_ and Believe

The widow responded to Elijah’s demand, “I don’t have it,” and neither do we have faith & \_\_\_\_\_

#### C. The \_\_\_\_\_ Demands What We Cannot Give

The widow said she did not have enough for herself, her son & Elijah, and yet because she trusted & obeyed Elijah’s proclamation of the gospel; the next moment she found she did indeed have \_\_\_\_\_

#### D. \_\_\_\_\_ to the Demands of the Gospel Issues in Faith and Repentance

### III. THE CHALLENGE OF \_\_\_\_\_ OUT THE GOSPEL DAY BY DAY

Each day the widow went to her cupboard and found she had no more than the day \_\_\_\_\_ appeared  
Her \_\_\_\_\_ were not all of a sudden full to overflowing with enough to feed the 3 of them for months  
It seems that the supply was renewed as she used it, and it was only ever “just \_\_\_\_\_ and just in time”

#### A. We Never Seem to Have \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. Yet When We Trust God There Is Always \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Jn. 1:16: Jesus gives us grace in place of grace but only when we have \_\_\_\_\_ up the grace we had
- 2) God wants to keep us focused on HIM not on resources we have on hand: He wants us \_\_\_\_\_

#### C. God Wants Us to Live Every Day in the Same Way that We Were Saved—by \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Many think at salvation Christ gives them a \_\_\_\_\_ of all they will ever need to live the Christian life
- 2) Rather we have a \_\_\_\_\_ with One who cannot be exhausted and promised us His fullness