

Provision and Perseverance in Perilous Times

1 Kings 17:2-16

- I. Introduction (Job 23:10, 1 Pet. 1:7)
- II. Do You Obey the Lord When it Does Not Make Sense? 17:2-7 (Deut. 8:3)
 - A. Yahweh leads Elijah to solitude as a judgment against Israel. vv. 2-3 (Ps.74:1,9; Amos 8:11-12)
 - B. The God who rules all nature had commanded ravens to care for Elijah. vv. 4-6 (Lev. 11:15, Deut. 14:14)
 - C. Will you obey God's revealed will? vv. 5, 10 (Matth. 6:33, Pro. 3:5)
 - D. Your faith is strengthened through trials. 17:7 (1 Pet. 5:10, Ps. 46:4, 1 Pet. 4:19)
- III. Do You Obey the Lord in the Face of Difficult Circumstances? 17:8-16
 - A. Elijah is told to go into enemy territory. vv. 8-10a
 - B. God sovereignly works His purposes behind the scenes. (Ps. 37:3-4)
 - C. The widow of Zarephath meets the prophet Elijah. vv. 10b-15 (Gen 50:20, Rom 9:16, Lk. 4:26)
 - D. The flour and oil never became empty – according to the Word of the Lord v. 16 (Matth. 6:25)
- IV. Conclusion / Application (Phil. 4:19, Is. 40:28-31)