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Sunday, May 23, 2010

The Life of Elijah—part 2

“The Provider God” 1 Kings 17

Sermon Outline:

1. The Elijah _____
 - A. Twice _____
 - B. Bread and _____
 - C. Simple

2. The lesson of *d* _____
 - A. Humility and dependence
 - B. Trust in a s _____ God

3. The lesson of _____
 - A. The command and the promise
 - B. The challenge of faith

Scripture References:

1 Kings 17: **1-16** Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word" 2 The word of the LORD came to him, saying, 3 "Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. 4 "It shall be that you will drink of the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to provide for you there." 5 So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and lived by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he would drink from the brook. 7 It happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. 8 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." 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." 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. 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.

Genesis 9:3 *Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as I gave the green plant.*

I Timothy 6:8 *If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.*

Psalm 37:25 *I have been young and now I am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, or his descendants begging bread.*

Psalm 37: 5 *Commit your way to the Lord. Trust in Him, and He will do it.*

Matthew 6:33 *Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.*