

TRUSTING GOD

GENEROSITY for GENERATIONS

“...see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”
Malachi 3:10

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READ

We are continuing our series on biblical stewardship and generosity. This week, we are in 1 Kings 17:1-16. Read this passage, and ask the Lord to use this time of discussion.

EXAMINE

- In verse 1, the prophet Elijah confronts King Ahab and says that drought will take place over the land, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives...” Why was it important for Elijah to emphasize the authority of God here? (Read 1 Kings 16:29-34 for some context.)
- Considering the spiritual downfall of Israel in 1 Kings, why is there a famine coming?
- In verses 2-7, God commands Elijah to hide in an area with no normal resources of food. How do we see God’s providence over Elijah’s life here?
- In verses 8-9, God commands Elijah to go to a place where Baal was the center of their worship, and he is to stay with a widow there who God ordained to feed him. What does this teach about God’s reach toward the Gentiles, even in the Old Testament?
- How do we see God provide in a very difficult situation in verses 10-16?

APPLY

- Do you see God as the unfailing Provider for all your needs? Why or why not?
- When has there been a difficult time in your life where you were in desperate need? How did God provide in that situation?
- Considering this passage and your own personal experiences, how can you better trust God in seasons of difficulty and need?

PRAY

Give thanks to God for being the ultimate Provider for us through His Son Jesus, and ask Him to help you trust Him more in any season that comes.

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