

God our Provider

1 Kings 17:1-16

- I. Elijah declared to wicked King Ahab that God was bringing a drought on Israel (1 Kings 17:1).

- II. *I have commanded the ravens* – God provided for Elijah through birds (1 Kings 17:2-6).
 - A. God directed Elijah to the brook Kerith (2-3).
 - B. God promised: I'll provide water from the brook and food ravens will deliver (4).
 - C. God supplied: Elijah trusted God's promise and ravens brought him bread and meat daily (5-6).

- III. *I have commanded a widow* – God provided for Elijah through a widow (1 Kings 17:7-15).
 - A. God directed Elijah to a widow at Zarephath when the brook dried up (7-9).
 - B. God promised: Give first and then trust God. (10-14)
 - 1. *Bring me a drink and bread* – The widow preparing her last meal was to give it away.
 - 2. *Don't be afraid* – Elijah promised if she gave God would provide her with enough.
 - C. God supplied: The widow trusted God's promise and experienced God's supply (15-16).
 - 1. She obeyed and gave away her last meal.
 - 2. God miraculously supplied exactly what she and Elijah needed daily.

- 1 Kings 17:15-16 – *So there was food every day... in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.*