



Welcome

LIVING WATERS AMANZIMTOTI





1 KINGS 17 : 1-6

Elijah Announces a Great Drought

1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

2 Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah:

3 “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan.





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Elijah Fed by Ravens

4 You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

5 So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there.

6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.







MAIN CHARACTERS

1. God - Yahweh
2. Elijah – Unknown Obscure man, God raised up – transported to heaven
3. Ahab – Wicked king of Israel
4. Jezebel – Wicked queen – promoted baal worship
5. Baal – god of fertility
6. Asherah – baal's mistress and mother





ARE YOU *There* YET?

WHERE IS THERE?



IF YOU NOT WHERE GODS
WANTS YOU TO BE,
THEN WHERE ARE YOU?

AS WE START 2020,
ARE YOU WHERE GOD WANTS YOU TO BE?





HERE WAS *There* FOR GODS SERVANTS

1. For Elijah, “there” was a brook and later a widow’s house.
2. For Noah, “there” was an Ark.
3. For Daniel, “there” was a prayer room that led to a lion’s den.
4. For the three Hebrew boys, “there” was a fiery furnace.
5. For Ruth, “there” was a field owed by Boaz.
6. For David, “there” was the throne of Israel.
7. For Paul, “there” was a prison cell.
8. For Jesus, “there” was a cross.

THERE IS WHERE GOD CALLS YOU TO BE AT THAT POINT





1 *There IS A PLACE OF Promise 4, 9*

- 1) A. God promised Elijah that the ravens would feed him “there”,
- 2) He is told that a widow woman in Zarephath will sustain him “there”
- 3) When you get “there” you will discover that God always does what He promises He will do!
- 4) God keeps all His promises,
 - i. Rom. 4:21 - being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised
 - ii. Eph 3:20 - Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us
 - iii. It is impossible for God to lie

WHEN GOD PUTS YOU “THERE”, HE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU “THERE”!





2 *There IS A PLACE OF Provision* - 6, 15, 16

1) A. When Elijah got “there”, the ravens provides his meals.

Where did they get the food? The drought lasted 3 years

2) When he arrived at the widow’s house, the Lord provide for his needs and for the needs of that widow’s family!

3) When you get “there” in your own life, you will find that God will provide everything that you need! He knows how to meet the needs of

i. Matt. 6:25-33 – 25 ...do not worry 33 ...all these things will be added to you

ii. Phil. 4:19 - And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

GOD PROPOSES AND GOD DISPOSES

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3 *There IS A PLACE OF Providence - 4,9*

- 1) Notice in verses 4 and 9, before He commanded the prophet to go to Kerith or Zarephath, God already commanded the ravens and the widow!
- 2) In other words, before there was a need in Elijah's life, God had already taken care of supplying that need!
- 3) Your tomorrow is His right now and whatever takes place in your life is the result of His advanced planning!
- 4) There are no accidents! There are no coincidences!
- 5) There is just the providence of God working out His plan and His will in the lives of His children.

GOD DOESN'T NEED A PLAN B

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4 *There IS A PLACE OF Power - 9, 15, 16, 22*

GREATER IS HE THAT'S WITHIN ME

- 1) Elijah got to see the ravens bringing him meals.
- 2) He got to see food jars stay full for
- 3) He got to see the Lord raise a dead child back to life.
- 4) He got to see the power of God manifested because he was “there”.
- 5) When you get “there”, and stay “there”, you will see His power manifested in your life as well. Many people never experience this
- 6) Regardless of what you face, God has the power to take care of that situation Matt. 28:18 “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
Job 42:2 - “I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.

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5 *There IS A PLACE OF Protection - 3, 9*

- 1) Elijah was a wanted man. Ahab and Jezebel wanted him 1 King 18:10-11.
- 2) Elijah was “there”, he was in a place of safety and divine protection.
Even in Zarephath, Jezebel’s backyard,
- 3) Friend, the safest place you can be is “there”! In the center of the Lord’s will. Nothing can touch you while you are “there”.
- 4) You are safe in His will! He knows how to protect His children, regardless of what they face in life,
 - i. Psa. 23:4-5 Even though I walk through the darkest valley... my cup overflows.

PSA 105:15 “DO NOT TOUCH MY ANOINTED ONES; DO MY PROPHETS NO HARM.”

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6 *There IS A PLACE OF Privilege* - 9, 15, 16, 22

- 1) Being “there” was no doubt hard at times, any step of faith is! But, it was the best place he could have ever been, He saw God’s work firsthand!
- 2) God’s path for your life may lead you through some treacherous waters, go with God and watch Him do the impossible in your life.
- 3) Mary and Martha, Moses, David, Noah, the disciples in the storm, the three Hebrews, Daniel! None of those would have ever known what God could do unless they had first faced the trials of faith and stood in their “there”.

JOHN 1:12 ...HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BE CHILDREN OF GOD

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7 There IS A Personal PLACE

- 1) PROMISE
- 2) PROVISION
- 3) PROVIDENCE
- 4) POWER
- 5) PROTECTION
- 6) PRIVILEGE

WHERE IS "THERE" FOR YOU?

**DON'T YOU WANT TO BE IN THE CENTER OF GOD'S
WILL FOR YOUR LIFE IN 2020**

LORD MAKE US FAITHFUL

LORD BE MY GPS, GUIDE ME TO THE PLACE YOU HAVE CHOSEN FOR ME

GPS – Godly Positioning Saviour

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Let us Pray

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