

Awe

Part 4-Standing in Awe When God Provides

1 Kings 17:7-16

Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. 1 Kings 17:7 NIV

What has “dried up” in your life? Where are you in need?

Two Perspectives to consider...

Perspective #1: It's all MINE, I earned it, I HOPE it will be enough.

As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” 1 Kings 7:12 N

Perspective #2: It's all from GOD, He blessed me with it, I TRUST it will be enough.

For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’” 1 Kings 7:14 NIV

Four thoughts about trusting God...

1. God KNOWS what you need and He has a PLAN to supply your need.

“Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” 1 Kings 7:9 NIV

2. Trusting God to provide takes a step of FAITH.

Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. 1 Kings 7:13 NIV

3. Trusting God to provide requires OBEDIENCE to His commands.

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. 1 Kings 17:15 NIV

4. God provides ENOUGH for our needs each DAY...not for a lifetime.

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah. 1 Kings 7:15-16 NIV

Give us today our daily bread. Matthew 6:11 NIV

This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.’”

¹⁷ The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. ¹⁸ And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

¹⁹ Then Moses said to them, “No one is to keep any of it until morning.” Exodus 16:16-19 NIV

Conclusion:

If we trust God to provide daily for our needs, and we are faithful to His commands, we should not be SURPRISED when God provides abundantly over and over again.

Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and 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 NIV

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. Matthew 14:20-21 NIV

Which perspective best fits your thinking?

Do you believe that God can and will provide or do you think you can take care of yourself?

Are you cheating yourself out of miracles God could be working?

Are you willing to “test God” and try trusting Him?

Do you believe He can give you more than you need?

Deep down inside what do you really want?