Lessons Of God’s Supply

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• The Setting: Unsurpassed Evil

• Read: (1 Kings 16:29-34)
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AHAB WAS A TERRIBLE KING

• He Considered Sin Trivial
• He Led People Into Evil
• He Did More Evil Than Any Before Him
• He Married Jezebel
• He Served and Worshipped Baal
• He Made An Asherah Pole
Go **Where** God Says Go

• (1 Ki 17:1 NIV) 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."

• **Elijah Declares A Drought**
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**DROUGHT IS:**

- An Extended Period Without Water
- The Removal Of Blessing
- The Life Of Lack
- Drought If Not Stopped Leads To Famine
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- Drought Is Often The Result Of Sin
- Drought Comes Into The Lives Of Those Who Consider Sin Trivial
- (Gal 6:7-8) “Man Reaps What He Sows”
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• ELIJAH DIRECTED BY GOD – GO TO KERITH

• (1 Ki 17:2-6 NIV) Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: (3) "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. (4) You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you 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.
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- **KERITH MEANS “SEPARATED”**

- In Times Of Drought God May Lead Us To That Place Where He Draws Us Apart --
  - To Stretch Us
  - To Challenge Us
  - To Develop Us
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- **GOD KNOWS THE PLACE OF SUPPLY**

- *Even When The Brook Dries Up*

- *(1 Ki 17:7 NIV)* Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land.
Go Where God Says Go

• A DRIED UP BROOK -- DOESN’T MEAN GOD’S SUPPLY HAS DRIED UP

• God Has Something New Going On

• (1 Ki 17:8-9 NIV) Then the word of the LORD came to him: (9) "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food."
Go *When* God Says Go

• **GOD PREPARES A WIDOW**

• (1 Ki 17:9-10 NIV) (9) "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food."

(10) So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?"
Why Did God Choose This Widow?

1. It Was A Time Of Teaching In Her Life
2. She Was The One Willing To Give
3. So That God Alone Would Get The Glory
4. To Show That God Controls The Rain
5. To Teach God’s Provision In All Circumstances
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• **Giving Triggers God’s Miraculous Supply**

• This Woman Had The Need Of Her Life Met Because She Had A Heart Of Giving

• “Give And It Shall Be Given Unto You.”

• When You Give You Step Into God’s Economy