

***A Mother's Plea
For Her Son***

1 Kings 17:17-24

Background

1 Kings 17:9-16

9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

Background

1 Kings 17:9-16 - continued

12 And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

Background

1 Kings 17:9-16 - continued

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

I. The Irritation Of The Mother

1 Kings 17:17-18

17 And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.

18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son?

A. When faith is working

B. For something that she could not conceive

C. When searching for answers

Psalm 51:3

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

II. The Impact Of The Mother

1 Kings 17:19

And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

A. To cause action by the man of God

B. To create an advocate of the man of God

Ezekiel 22:30

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

III. The Intercession For The Mother

1 Kings 17:20-23

20 And he cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?

21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.

III. The Intercession For The Mother

A. It is specific

2 Kings 19:16

LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent him to reproach the living God.

B. It is special

C. It is satisfied

John 15:7

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

IV. The Impression Made On The Mother

1 Kings 17:24

And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

A. A confirmation of the man

B. A confirmation of the message

Acts 4:13

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

V. The Implications Of The Mother

A. No problem is too difficult for God to solve

Jeremiah 32:27

Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

B. No tragedy is too trying for God to bring peace

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

V. The Implications Of The Mother

C. The servants of God are equipped for every situation

1. We can trust God to give wisdom to His servants

James 1:5

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

2. God's power is sufficient when hope seems gone

2 Corinthians 12:9

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

V. The Implications Of The Mother

D. Faith brings victory on the darkest day

1 John 5:4

**For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world:
and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even
our faith.**

Trying Times
Yield To Faith

There's Room At The Cross For You

**The cross upon which Jesus died
Is a shelter in which we can hide
And its grace so free is sufficient for me
And deep is its fountain as wide as the sea.**



There's room at the cross for you

There's room at the cross for you

**Though millions have come, there's still room
for one**

Yes there's room at the cross for you.



**Though millions have found him a friend
And have turned from the sins they have
sinned**

**The Savior still waits to open the gates
And welcome a sinner before it's too late.**



There's room at the cross for you

There's room at the cross for you

**Though millions have come, there's still room
for one**

Yes there's room at the cross for you.



**The hand of my Savior is strong
And the love of my Savior is long
Through sunshine or rain, through loss or in
gain,
The blood flows from Calvary to cleanse
every stain.**



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