

The Obedient Widow
1 Kings 17:8-24
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of obedience & faith in God.

Intro:

1. In 1 Kings 17 we find that there is a drought in the land.(**1 Kings 17:1-7**)
2. The drought caused Elijah to be sent to the Widow's house (**1 Kings 17:7-8**)

I. Miraculous replenishing of food (**1 Kings 17:8ff**)

A. Elijah's Request (v.8-12)

1. God chooses a widow to provide for Elijah (**v.8-11**)
2. God chose a widow who believed she was facing the end (**v.12**)

B. Elijah's reassurance (v.13-16)

1. The Prediction (**v.13-14**)
2. The provision (**v.15-16**)

II. The Raising of the boy (**1 Kings 17:17ff**)

A. The Tragedy (v.17-21)

1. The boy's sickness (**v.17**)
2. The mother's sorrow (**v.18**)
3. The prophet's supplication (**v.19-21**)

B. The Triumph (**v.22-23**)

1. The Lord heard Elijah.
2. It was according to God's will so the boy was revived.

C. The Testimony (**v.24**)

1. Because of God responding to Elijah's prayer & the miraculous revival God knew Elijah was a man of God.
2. God would only work in miraculous ways through HIS prophets.

III. Lessons for us today.

A. God takes care of the faithful

1. The widow obeyed and was saved & provided for because of her obedience (**v.16**).
2. The boy was raised and God again showed His love & care for the widow & the boy.

B. Help may come in our darkest hour.

1. The story begins with the widow & the boy going to, what they believed, was their final meal (**v.12b**)
2. They were prepared to die, indeed a dark hour. However, only until God & His servant intervened. (**v.14**).

Conc:

1. Today when things seem the most dark, like there is no way to overcome, God is there.
2. We must remember that with God all things are possible. Nothing is too hard for Him.

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.