

# **PECULIAR PROVISIONS**

## **I Kings 17:2-16**

**When life gets hard, there is a God who helps!**

### **I. CHERITH PROVISIONS** (2-7)

#### **A. THE REVELATION** (2-4)

1. Go away and hide (2-3)
2. God will provide (4)
  - By brook and by bird

#### **B. THE RESPONSE** (5-6)

1. Elijah went (5)
2. The ravens delivered food (6a)
  - a. By nature they are selfish and vicious
  - b. They “brought” food and bread > Literally: They handed it over
  - c. They brought edible food regularly!
3. The brook provided water (6b)

#### **C. THE REALITY** (7)

1. Where God guides, He provides
2. God’s process required Elijah’s patience (7)
  - As he saw the brook drying up, Elijah could have become anxious or impulsive but he waited for God’s instructions.

### **II. ZAREPHATH PROVISIONS** (8-16)

#### **A. THE REVELATION** (8-9)

1. Go to Zarephath (8-9a)
2. A widow will care for you (9b)

#### **B. THE RESPONSE** (10-15a)

1. Elijah went to Zarephath (10)
  - Traveling 100 miles and into the heart of Jezebel’s homeland
2. The widow demonstrates hospitality (11-15)
  - a. Getting a drink for Elijah (11)
  - b. Making a little cake for Elijah (12-15a)

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### C. THE REALITY (15b-16)

1. God's process required the widow's faith (12-15a)
  - She had to give up the certain for the uncertain
2. God blessed the widow's obedience (16)
  - The hopeless was helped

## III. GOD'S PROVISIONS

### A. THE BASICS ARE GOD'S BLESSINGS

- God does not promise nor always provide luxuries

### B. GOD CAN PROVIDE IN UNUSUAL AND UNEXPECTED WAYS

- Actually the provisions are not so peculiar but the providers are!

### C. GOD'S RESOURCES BECOME REALITY AS HIS PEOPLE FOLLOW HIS PLANS

- God gave specific instructions that were specifically followed

## CONCLUSION:

*Perhaps we've not seen God's peculiar provisions because He's not seen our particular patience or faith.*

**Might we fully and faithfully trust and obey Him.**