

LEARNING TO LEAN

1 Kings 17

1 Kings 17 gives us four significant steps leading us to lean on God during times of calamity.

- I. Recognize that God Causes Calamity (17:1, 20).
 - A. Calamity affects everyone.
 - B. God is the ultimate source behind calamity.

So, why does God cause calamity to come? And, what does He do in those times of calamity? The answers are found in the following steps. Let's examine the second step.

- II. Believe that During Calamity God Cares for His Own (17:2-7).
 - A. Command (17:3).
 - B. Promise (17:4).
 - C. Response (17:5).
 - D. Provision (17:6).
 - E. Test (17:7).

What have we learned?

- III. Be Confident that During Calamity God Makes People His Own (17:8-16).
- A. Command (17:9) (cf. Luke 4:26).
 - B. Promise (17:9).
 - C. Response (17:10-11).
 - D. Test (17:12).
 - E. Provision (17:13-16).

What have we learned?

- IV. Be Assured that During Calamity God Comes to Aid His Own (17:17-23).
- A. Test (17:17).
 - B. Response (17:18-20).
 - 1. By the woman (17:18).
 - 2. By Elijah (17:19-20).
 - C. Request (not command) (17:21).
 - D. Provision (17:22-23).

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Now, where do those four steps take us? How do we begin to truly lean on God?