

Psalm 139:13-16 (NIV)—“For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place.

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
¹⁶ your eyes saw my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me
were written in your book
before one of them came to be.”

(27) _____:

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)—“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

(28) _____:

Matthew 10:29-31 (NIV)—“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. ³⁰And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

(29) _____:

Psalm 56:8 (NIV)—“Record my lament;
list my tears on your scroll
are they not in your record?”

CHALLENGE QUESTION: Do you believe that God knows, and cares, what you are facing?

Additional Notes: _____



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“The Harsh Reality of Living for God in a Godless World”

A study of the Life and Ministry of Elijah

Sunday Evening, March 7th, 2010

Message #3: “Learning to Trust God for His Miracles”

I Kings 17:8-24

Pastor Christian Newsome

Every action and reaction of our lives is based on our
(1) _____ of God’s involvement in it.

The life of Elijah teaches us more about (2) _____ than it does about Elijah!

QUESTION: How Do We Learn to Trust God for His Miracles:

- We experience them (3) _____.
- We (4) _____ on others that have experienced them.
I Corinthians 10:11—“Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”

Attribute #1: God’s (5) _____ Revealed – v. 8-11

I Kings 17:8-11—“Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 9 “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.” 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.” 11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”

“omnipresence” – God is always (6) _____; in every place and in every circumstance.

Zeraphath of Sidon – Both the home of (7) _____; and (8) _____.

Sidon was the chief area of the Phoenicians, and its location and people are mentioned by Homer in both the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* as it was heavily influenced by the (9) _____.

Mark 7:24-30—“From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden. ²⁵ For a woman whose young

daughter had an unclean spirit heard about Him, and she came and fell at His feet. ²⁶ The woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ But Jesus said to her, “Let the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.”

²⁸ And she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the children’s crumbs.”

²⁹ Then He said to her, “For this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.”

³⁰ And when she had come to her house, she found the demon gone out, and her daughter lying on the bed.”

Matthew 11:20-22—“Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: ²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.”

While Israel ignored the power of God, Sidon would ⁽¹⁰⁾_____ it!

FLASH FORWARD: This is a small glimpse of God’s willingness to turn to ⁽¹¹⁾_____ when the Jewish people rejected him.

Isaiah 65:1—“I was sought by those who did not ask for Me;

I was found by those who did not seek Me.

I said, ‘Here I am, here I am,’

To a nation that was not called by My name.”

Deuteronomy 32:21—“ They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God;

They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols.

But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation;

I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.”

CHALLENGE QUESTION: Do you believe that God is in the midst of your trials?

Attribute #2: God’s ⁽¹²⁾_____ Revealed – v. 12-16

I Kings 17:13-16—“¹² So she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³ And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.’”

¹⁵ So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.”

“**omnipotence**” – God is all ⁽¹³⁾_____ ; regardless of the daunting tasks facing us.

LOOK AT... The ⁽¹⁴⁾_____ of Elijah’s God to the widow of Zarepheth:

A Picture of Brokenness:

- The widow acknowledged that Elijah’s God was ⁽¹⁵⁾_____!
- The widow ⁽¹⁶⁾_____ in Elijah’s God.
- The widow did not ⁽¹⁷⁾_____ Elijah for the drought.
- The widow understood the ⁽¹⁸⁾_____ of Israel’s God through this famine.

Sometimes it takes a ⁽¹⁹⁾_____ crisis to acknowledge a ⁽²⁰⁾_____ God.

CHALLENGE QUESTION: Do you believe God is more powerful than your circumstances?

Attribute #3: God’s ⁽²¹⁾_____ Revealed – v. 17-24

I Kings 17:17-24—“Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ So she said to Elijah, “What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?”

¹⁹ And he said to her, “Give me your son.” So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD and said, “O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?” ²¹ And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, “O LORD my God, I pray, let this child’s soul come back to him.” ²² Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives!”

²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth.”

“**omniscience**” – God ⁽²²⁾_____ everything that you are facing; and God cares.

The widow understood the guilt of her ⁽²³⁾_____, and believed that her son’s death was a result of it.

NOTE: When we are confident of God’s omniscience we are more ⁽²⁴⁾_____ of our sin.

The shock of the woman was not just God’s power, but God’s ⁽²⁵⁾_____ for her, and it caused her to place her entire faith in Elijah’s God.

QUESTION: Do you believe that God cares?

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⁽²⁶⁾_____: