



1 Kings 17:1-6

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17 And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.” 2 Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 3 “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 4 And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” 5 So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook

Never was Israel so blessed with a good prophet as when it was so plagued with a bad king.

It was a small thing for Elijah to stand before Ahab because he had stood before the King of Kings.



A man of like passions, jealous for God and a man of prayer. "My God Jehovah is he"

Six Life's Lessons

Then- at just the right time

➤ **1. God is always on time.**

III. Lazarus dies and Jesus comes late-

Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

But You're four days late
And all hope is gone
Lord, we don't understand
Why You've waited so long
But His way is God's way
Not yours or mine
And isn't it great

When He's four days late
He's till on time

came to him- specific and personal

➤ **2. God always knows where you are.**

Ill.- what was next for my life God knows my address.

Isaiah- Here am I Lord, send me.

The command- *Get away from here and turn and hide*

➤ **3. God's directions are always clear, although they do not always make sense.- He has a purpose for everything in our lives.**

Why hide?

- **Protection**
- **Removing the Word from God**
- **Building character** **Psalm 27:5-** For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle
He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

Psalm 17:8- Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

The name Cherith comes from the ancient Hebrew root meaning, to cut away, to cut up or off.

John 15 ² **Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit**

‘There, child, thou hast had enough of this hurry, and publicity, and excitement; get thee hence, and hide thyself by the brook — hide thyself in the Cherith of the sick chamber; or in the Cherith of disappointed hopes; or in the Cherith of bereavement; or in some solitude from which the crowds have ebbed away’ (Meyer).

Moses was forty years in the backside of the desert. It was a time of isolation when he had no resources of his own. **Joseph** was in prison, falsely accused and isolated. The

story of Joseph is one of the most amazing stories - he went from prison to the right hand of the ruler of Egypt in one day, but God had His reasons for putting Joseph there. God had his reasons for isolating **David** and for isolating Moses and Joseph. Jesus was the same. He always drew aside. Do you remember the story of **His disciples** when they went out to preach and did all these wonderful miracles and came back to Him really glorying in all that had happened? Do you know what the first thing Jesus said to them was? 'Let's draw aside to a quiet place'.

Warren Wiersbe's comment - **"Go, hide yourself!" was God's command, and three years later the command would be, "Go, show yourself!"**

It is clear that the pathway to spiritual maturity is demanding; nevertheless, it has to be travelled if a servant is going to be fit for the Master's use. It calls for patience and obedience. Not once throughout the entire chapter is Elijah heard questioning or challenging the Lord about the way He took him....He was prepared to take a step at a time by faith and never demanded to know what the Lord's next move would be. He could have said with Abraham's servant, **"I being in the way, the Lord led me"** ([Genesis 24:27](#)).

We should be prepared for sudden changes in our circumstances.

What God brings you to, He will bring you through!

Don't fear- TRUST

His provision- ***you shall drink from the brook***

➤ **4. God always meets our needs.**

Matthew 6; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 34:9-10; 37:25

I have commanded the ravens

➤ **5. God is Sovereign over all and all powerful.**

III. My cool garage door opener ap and thermostat ap.

III. Tesla



I have commanded the ravens to feed you there: There is an emphasis on the word **there**. God promised that the ravens would feed Elijah as he stayed at Cherith. Of course, theoretically the ravens could feed him anywhere — but God commanded that it be at Cherith. Elijah perhaps wanted to be somewhere else, or be preaching, or doing anything else. Yet God wanted him **there** and would provide for him **there**.

“But see, too, how possible it is for us to carry bread and meat to God’s servants, and do, some good things for his church, and yet be ravens still!”
(Spurgeon).



Luke 12:24- Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds?

**Say not, my soul,
"From whence shall God relieve my care?"
Remember, Omnipotence
Has servants everywhere!**
—Anon.

Ravens- intelligent, recognize human faces, hold grudges

[1.] They are birds of prey, ravenous devouring creatures, more likely to have taken his meat from him, or to have picked out his eyes (Prov. 30:17).

[2.] They are unclean creatures. law: Leviticus 11:13-15 lists the raven ("every kind of raven") as detestable (an abomination) and forbidden for the Israelites to eat: Deuteronomy 14:12-14 repeats this exact food prohibition.

[3.] Ravens feed on insects and carrion themselves, yet they brought the prophet man's meat and wholesome food.

[4.] Ravens neglect their own young ones, and do not feed them; yet when God pleases they shall feed his prophet.

[6.] Ravens are themselves fed by special providence (Job 38:41; Ps. 147:9), and now they fed the prophet.

[Job 38:41](#)- Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.

[Psalm 147:9](#)- He giveth to the beast his food, *and* to the young ravens which cry.

So he went for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith

➤ **6. God's ways are always the best for our lives.**

- A. to sit, sit down
- B. to be set
- C. to remain, stay
- D. to dwell, have one's abode

Every servant that God designs to use must pass through the trying experience of Cherith before he is ready for the triumph of Carmel.

How easily Elijah could have said, "Well, Lord, I don't really want to be in this crummy little place. I kind of like being in front of people. I like the limelight." But the Lord was preparing Elijah for something beyond his wildest dreams. Not long after this, Elijah would be standing on Mt. Carmel in that great showdown with the false prophets ([1 Kings 18:20-39](#)).

Sometimes we don't like where God has put us. We say, "Lord, I don't like this situation. I don't like where I am. I want to do something great for You. I want to make a difference in my world." Maybe the Lord wants you to be effective right where you are. Maybe He wants you to take advantage of the opportunities in front of you and be faithful in the little things. **Who knows what God has in store for you?**

If God has you by some muddy little brook, so to speak, just hang in there. Be faithful, do what He has already told you, and wait on Him and on His timing. God will do something wonderful for you or with you. **Just be available and open to do what He would have you to do. (Wendall Caldor- Lord, I'm available)**

III.- Ron's discussion

Acts 26:8-Why should it be thought incredible by you that God raises the dead?

How much better for our souls, if instead of mourning over our losses, we praise God for continuing His mercies to us so long-especially when we bear in mind that they are only lent to us and we deserve not the least of them.

☐ Don't take meals for granted- Thank God always-

7 And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

Why would God have led him to a place where the water would dry up?

The brook dried up OH NO!!!!

Popularity, declining health, diminishing business, of decreasing friendships.

One of the greatest lessons we can ever learn in life is this point I am going to tell you. Listen, this is it:

To be continued.....

Next week.