

The _____ Mother and Her _____ Need

1 Kings 17:1-16

- I. Introduction: God established the _____; yet family circumstances can sometimes be very challenging.
- A. Motherhood can be especially difficult when no _____ is present.
 - B. The lady in our study today was a widow mother trying to _____ a famine and having no earthly person to turn to.
 - C. Life looked very _____ and hopeless.
- II. God preparing the _____ to use this Mother Vs 1-8
- A. The work of the Lord will _____ the masses Vs 1-7
 - B. God had a special _____ ready to help in the work of the Lord Vs 8-9
- III. This Mother and her _____ with God Vs 9
- A. Unbeknown to this widow mother was God's _____ care over her little family "I have commanded a widow there to feed thee"
 - B. Some things we know about her
 - 1. She _____ about the Lord Cf. Vs 12
 - 2. She had been through the school of _____
 - a. Her husband had died
 - b. She was having great _____ difficulties
 - 3. She had no way of _____ for her family in this time of drought and famine
- IV. This Mother and her _____ Vs 11-12
- A. Her being busy taking care of the family did not take away her fear of the unknown
 - B. Her _____
 - 1. She is _____ on how little she has
 - 2. She _____ the worst: "eat it, and die"
 - C. What her fear was doing to her
 - 1. She was _____ of strength, enthusiasm and confidence
 - 2. She was trying to _____ with frustration and depression
 - 3. Her thoughts had turned to the _____ of her situation and she became hopeless
- V. This Mother and her _____ Vs 17-24
- A. God _____ her world even further by seeming tragedy Vs 17-18
 - B. God's man _____ for her and her tragedy Vs 19-21
 - C. God honor's Elijah's _____ request Vs 22
 - D. God turns the heart of this mother through these _____ Vs 23-24 (The real need)
 - 1. Without a _____ heart this mother had no real hope
 - 2. Without a changed heart these events were _____
- VI. This Mother and the _____ of Her Faith (vv. 13-16)
- A. First, she is _____; then she is *faithful*
 - B. First, she is part of the *misery*; then she becomes part of a _____
 - C. She hears the _____ of the Word of God: "Fear not"
 - D. She hears the _____ of the Word of God: "First"

- E. She hears the _____ of the Word of God: "will not fail" (v. 14)
- F. She _____ for lack of another solution, and God honors her by _____ her heart

VII. Conclusion:

- A. Faith in God _____ in trouble (Elijah was acting totally on his faith in God)
- B. God will meet us _____ we are and in whatever _____ we have
- C. His _____ is sufficient for the needs of our everyday life (Provision in the drought with food _____ for each day's need)
- D. We cannot become _____ by our fears?
 - 1. God loves us and wants to _____ our fears with faith in Christ
 - 2. The cross _____ His love
 - 3. The resurrection proves God is up to the _____ : whether it be drought, poverty, death, need of a changed heart, etc.