

## *Elijah and Elisha*

#3, another miracle – I Kings 17:17-24

The widow, her son and Elijah had plenty to eat and the food was not running low. No one has come looking for him so this must be a secure place. Time to rest, . . . or was it?

17 Now it came about after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick; and his sickness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. 18 So she said to Elijah, "What do I have to do with you, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance and to put my son to death!"

19 He said to her, "Give me your son." Then he took him from her bosom and carried him up to the upper room where he was living, and laid him on his own bed. 20 He called to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, have You also brought calamity to the widow with whom I am staying, by causing her son to die?"

[1.] v:17-18, What do I have to do with you, (What do you have against me? niv) Write down the two things she accused Elijah of.

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[2.] v:18, You have come to me, From these questions, what do you say the widow's understanding of God was?

[3.] Question [2.], Reviewing her comments, why do you think the widow didn't accurately assess the truth of the event?

[4.] Something to think about. OK, even as believers, if something goes wrong in our lives, who do we blame first?

[5.] v:19, carried him up, Yes or No. For healing, would any place be better than another?

[6.] v:19-20, have You also brought calamity, This phrase gives us a glimpse into Elijah's thoughts. How are Elijah's perceptions, about the Lord, similar to the widows (v:18)?

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Heb definition, **calamity**, OT:7489 (*raw-ah'*); a primitive root; properly, to spoil (literally, by breaking to pieces); figuratively, to make (or be) good for nothing, i.e. bad (physically, socially or morally):

Strong's Numbers and Concordance

21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and called to the Lord and said, "O Lord my God, I pray You, let this child's life return to him."

22 The Lord heard the voice of Elijah, and the life of the child returned to him and he revived.

[7.] v:21, stretched himself, From the possibilities below, choose why Elijah did this?

- a) Humble acknowledgement of God's power.
- b) It's a known medical procedure.
- c) Probably read about it somewhere.

[8.] v:21 again, called to the Lord, Elijah's prayer was simple and to the point. Why might a longer prayer provide better results?

[9.] Question [8.], What can you and I learn from Elijah's prayer?

[10.] v:22, The Lord heard, From I Peter 3:12, whose prayer does the Lord hear?

[11.] v:22, he revived, Ok, you're Elijah. What is your level of pride at this point?

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23 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 is alive."  
24 Then the woman said to Elijah, " Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

[12.] v:23, brought him down, Regarding pride, why must Elijah be very, very careful at this point?

[13.] v:24, I know that you are a man of God, Your opinion please. In her heart was the widow really giving glory to God or glory to Elijah?

[14.] v:24, Question [13.], We know that the Lord really doesn't need us to accomplish his purpose, so why does He use us?

Let's review the miraculous events that Elijah saw the Lord perform.

[15.] I Ki 17:1, What happened regarding the natural rainfall in Samaria?

[16.] I Ki 17:2, How did Elijah know of impending danger?

[17.] I Ki 17:4, In hiding, Elijah was sustained from a source one would never expect. What was it?

[18.] I Ki 17:9, Who directed Elijah to more food when it ran out at the brook?

[19.] I Ki 17:14, Describe the miracles of the flour and oil.

[20.] I Ki 17:22, What happened to the widows son?

[21.] Having witnessed these miracles explain why Elijah's faith should become stronger?

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### **NOTES**