

Facing Fear: Part 4 - Of Adversity & Desperate Need

I Kings 17:1-16

#1 - God's Punishment For Sin - A Drought, I Kings 17:1

King Ahab's sins are chronicled for us at the end of chapter 16. Ahab led the people of Israel away from worshipping the true God to worshipping false gods. God gives to him a dreadful review of his life in 16:30, "Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD more than all who were before him." Because of his wickedness and the wickedness of the people, God decreed a severe drought as punishment for their idol worship.

#2 - God's Provision For Elijah, I Kings 17:2-9

God first provides for His prophet through a brook and ravens who miraculously brought him his food. Normally, it's humans who bring food to starving animals, not the other way around!

#3 - The Widow's Fear In The Face Of Adversity And Desperate Need, I Kings 17:10-12

In the face of this intense drought, this widow and her son were preparing their last meal. Once finished, they expected to die of starvation. Imagine the fear in this widow's heart at what certainly lie ahead for her and her son.

#4 - Facing Fear With Faith, I Kings 17:13-16

Elijah calmed her fears of their hunger and desperate need. In great faith, she did as Elijah commanded, giving away the last of her food to a total stranger. God had led this prophet of Israel to a Gentile woman to rebuke the apostasy of Israel. God honored His word and her faith by miraculously supplying them food until the drought had ended.