

WORD

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1 Kings 17:2-5

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

God’s valuable promises to us are written in the Bible. These are designed to encourage us and strengthen our faith as we face the daily challenges of life. It is important that we focus on these promises so we can see how God will provide for all of our needs. How do we respond to God’s promises?

- **Believe God’s promises.**

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This simple advice is often hard to follow. And yet we have countless opportunities to believe the promises of our faithful God. The prophet Elijah constantly fought against the rebellion of the Israelites. Still, in the middle of a most difficult situation, God wanted for Elijah to lean hard once more on His promise. What did the prophet prove true when he believed God’s promise?

- **Wait for the fulfillment of His promises.**

So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there.

1 Kings 17:5

Faith produces action. Elijah did not go to Kerith Ravine to test whether God would deliver or not. Instead, the fruit of his faith was shown by his willingness to wait. In the same way, our trust in the

Lord will be shown in how we act upon His promises. How do you wait for God’s promises to be fulfilled?

- **Witness the fulfillment of His promises.**

The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

1 Kings 17:6

Despite Elijah’s commendable faith, the fulfillment of God’s promise is not based on his attitude. Rather, provision came because God promised that He will provide for His children. How do feel about the truth that the fulfillment of God’s promises is not dependent on us but on God’s ability? Why can we be confident that God will fulfill what He promised (Hebrews 10:22-24)?

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- Romans 1:17 tells about what kind of life a believer should live?
- Read Hebrews 11:8,9. What was the proof of Abraham’s faith? By whose strength should this be done? Why?
- According to 2 Timothy 2:13, how is God different from us?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- Remind someone of the promises written in Psalm 23. Pray for that person’s concerns.
- Encourage someone in your Victory group who is about to give up on believing that his or her prayer will be answered.
- Share with a friend some testimonies of God’s goodness in your life, especially stories of how God has answered your prayers.