

Validity of Scripture

Study Questions

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We will:

1. Review the scripture
2. Review the scripture in Hebrew
3. Look at the validity of scripture
4. Look at the scripture chapter

Reviewing words in Hebrew

Word in Hebrew means by implication a matter of a thing

Mouth In Hebrew means the mouth, particularly speech

Truth in Hebrew means stability, trustworthiness, assured

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Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

Elijah Fed by Ravens

²Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³"Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there."

⁵ So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath

⁷ Sometime later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹ "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

¹² "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

¹³ Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.'"

¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

¹⁷ Sometime later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. ¹⁸ She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"

¹⁹ "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" ²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!"

²² The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. ²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, 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 from your mouth is the truth

The Widow at Zarephath was at a critical moment in her life. She knew she was going to die, but she realized when she obeyed her Man of God Elijah, she knew that he was God in the flesh to her.

The widow at Zarephath took a leap of faith and believed Elijah. She fed Elijah instead of herself and her son. She put God first over her needs. Can you imagine at such a critical time in her life, God shows up to her in the form of a man named Elijah. You know she was praying to God for a miracle and God sends himself to her in the form of Elijah and even when it looks bad, it looks as if her son had died but that wasn't the case.

Why do you think the Lord allowed that to happen after the widow at Zarephath? The answer is that the Lord didn't allow the boy to get ill and die, it was the widow at Zarephath's own words that killed her son. In verse twelve she said that "she had only enough food for one more meal and they will die."

The widow at Zarephath was going to continue her pride filled poverty mindset to continue which would have ultimately cost her life. A wise man told me that the widow at Zarephath really was telling Elijah about her GREED. What little she had she was gonna do what ever she could to keep it. but if she did not listen to Elijah she would not have been broken off her greedy mindset and be able to multiple what little she had.

She was the one that spoke death over her son and herself, then she blamed it on Elijah because she forgot the words she spoke. Proverb 18:21 states, "Life and death are in the power of the tongue those who love it will eat its fruit." She spoke death over her son, showing how powerful our words are. The Lord continued to let it play out because it was a time in her life for her to show God her belief and her faith. You see, the Lord will put you in situations that will grow your faith, your belief and hold you to your unspoken words in your heart that you have told the Lord. He will test you.

Because she obeyed and took care of her Man of God, Elijah. NOW, every area of her life, her desires manifested. Wealth, health, life multiplied for her and her son.

The curse she put on herself and her son were broken off, but if she didn't feed her Man of God, Elijah, she and her son would have surely died. She chose God over her own flesh and blood, she chose God over living, and the life of her son.

- 1- The widow of Zarephath had responded in her place of prideful poverty and admitted she only had one meal left and was about to die
- 2- She had a choice to think of herself or feed God through Elijah
- 3- That choice multiplied her food
- 4- She forgot that she spoke death over herself and her son
- 5- We know she was crying out to God because of her situation and God sent Elijah at the right time, she made the right choice which gave her life, but somewhere in her mind, she continued to believe her death words she spoke over her own son.
- 6- But then the Lord allowed the curse to continue of her words, in which sparked her faith yet again, because it would have seemed that she was still on the fence about the Lord, that the Lord would save her son. She allowed her words to take precedence, if it wasn't for Elijah her appointed Man of God her son would have died.

God will send you a Man of God to you that is completely sanctified for you to offer him a cold drink, a meal, and clothes. Taking care of your Man of God is biblical and is helping the gospel to go forth.

We often forget how powerful our words are. Our words can bless, or they can curse even yourself.

The widow of Zarephath's blamed God for the death of her son, but it was her fault, she caused the death of her son by her words.

It took two significant events for the widow of Zarephath to believe in the Lord. Doesn't the Bible say, blessed is He that don't see? God showed her mercy and grace, we can only hope that she stayed in the shadow of the almighty instead of doubt, fear and anxiety.

Study Questions

Today, if you were in the widow of Zarephath's shoes would you have rejected helping the Man of God? (Be honest with yourself – this is between you and the Lord)

If you answer yes, this is the state your soul is at now. That is not a good place. This means that you are not putting the Lord in all that you are doing. Repent and choose Jesus. Ask Jesus to come into your heart and change the way you perceive, the way that you think, changing your mindset to help Christ first no matter what is up against you.

If you answer no, do you see how far you have grown? Do you see how God is testing you and for you to be in good health, wealth and life all depends upon how you treat God through your Man of God.

What are you going to do today to not speak curses over you or those that you love?

Have you blamed God for something that was your fault? Because you didn't want to take responsibility for it? If so what, and repent.

The Lord always is testing us, are you going to blame God for something that you have done to yourself? If it wasn't for the Man of God Elijah praying for God to overturn her word curse on her son, her son would not be alive. Repent, and ask the Lord to search your heart, see if there is anything in your heart that God can purge from you, so you can heal and move forward into the beautiful creature He created you to be.

The widow of Zarephath used her faith with her first choice, then satan comes in and put suggested thoughts in her mind, accusing Elijah when it was her doing, which her faith was beginning to dwindle, because she opened her mind to think a certain flesh way

Today take the time to clear your mind of any clutter, any negative thinking, and as my father always use to tell me – Think BEFORE you speak. You can accidentally speak a curse over yourself without realizing it. Just like the widow of Zarephath's son.