

5 Breakthrough Moments in a Believer's Life

A Prequel to the Release Sermon Series

1 Kings 17

- Elijah Prophecies a Drought (1-7)
- Elijah Provides food to the Woman at Zarephath (8-16)
- Elijah Raises back to Life the Son of the Woman at Zarephath (17-22)

Narrator

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead,
said to Ahab,

Elijah

“As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before
whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor
rain these years, except by my word.”

1 Kings 17:1

Narrator

² And the word of the LORD came to him:

God

³ “Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan.

1 Kings 17:2-3

God

⁴ You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”

1 Kings 17:4

Narrator

⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the LORD. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan.

1 Kings 17:5

Narrator

⁶ And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. ⁷ And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

1 Kings 17:6-7

Narrator

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God

⁹ “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”

1 Kings 17:8-9

Narrator

¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said,

Elijah

“Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.”

1 Kings 17:10

Narrator

¹¹ And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said,

Elijah

“Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”

Narrator

¹² And she said,

1 Kings 17:11-12a

Woman

“As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.”

1 Kings 17:12b

Narrator

¹³ And Elijah said to her,

Elijah

“Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.

1 Kings 17:13

Elijah

¹⁴ For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel,
‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the
jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day
that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’”

1 Kings 17:14

Narrator

¹⁵ And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

1 Kings 17:15-16

Narrator

¹⁷ After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸ And she said to Elijah,

1 Kings 17:17-18a

Woman

“What have you against me, O man of God?
You have come to me to bring my sin to
remembrance and to cause the death of my
son!”

1 Kings 17:18b

Narrator

¹⁹ And he said to her,

Elijah

“Give me your son.”

Narrator

And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed.

1 Kings 17:19

Narrator

²⁰ And he cried to the LORD,

Elijah

“O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?”

1 Kings 17:20

Narrator

²¹ Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD,

Elijah

“O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again.”

1 Kings 17:21

Narrator

²² And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³ And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said,

1 Kings 17:22-23a

Elijah

“See, your son lives.”

Narrator

²⁴ And the woman said to Elijah,

Woman

“Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

1 Kings 17:23b-24

1 Kings 17



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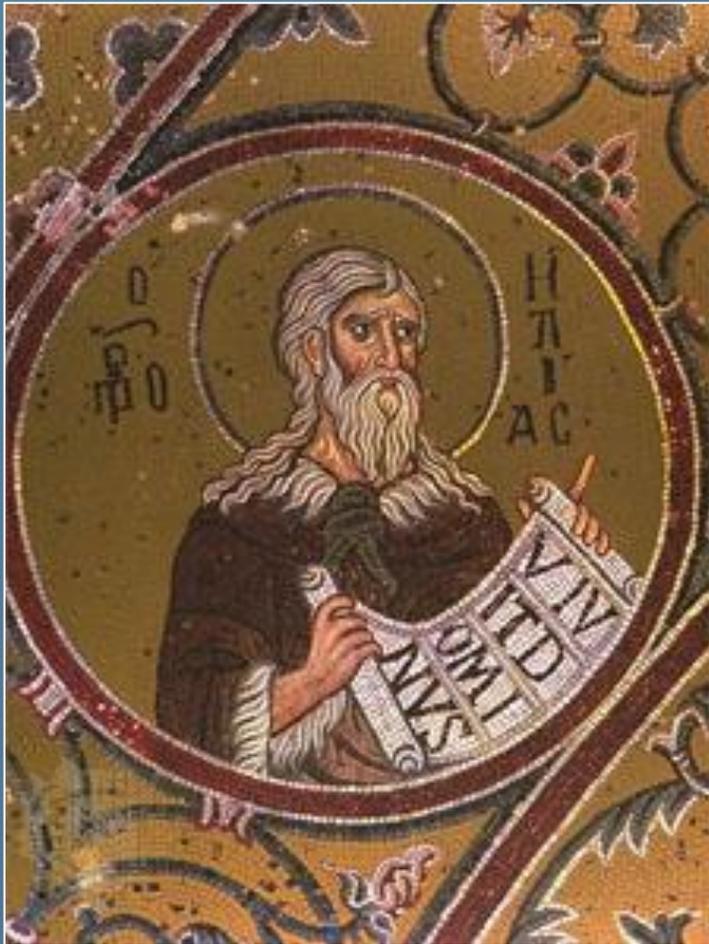
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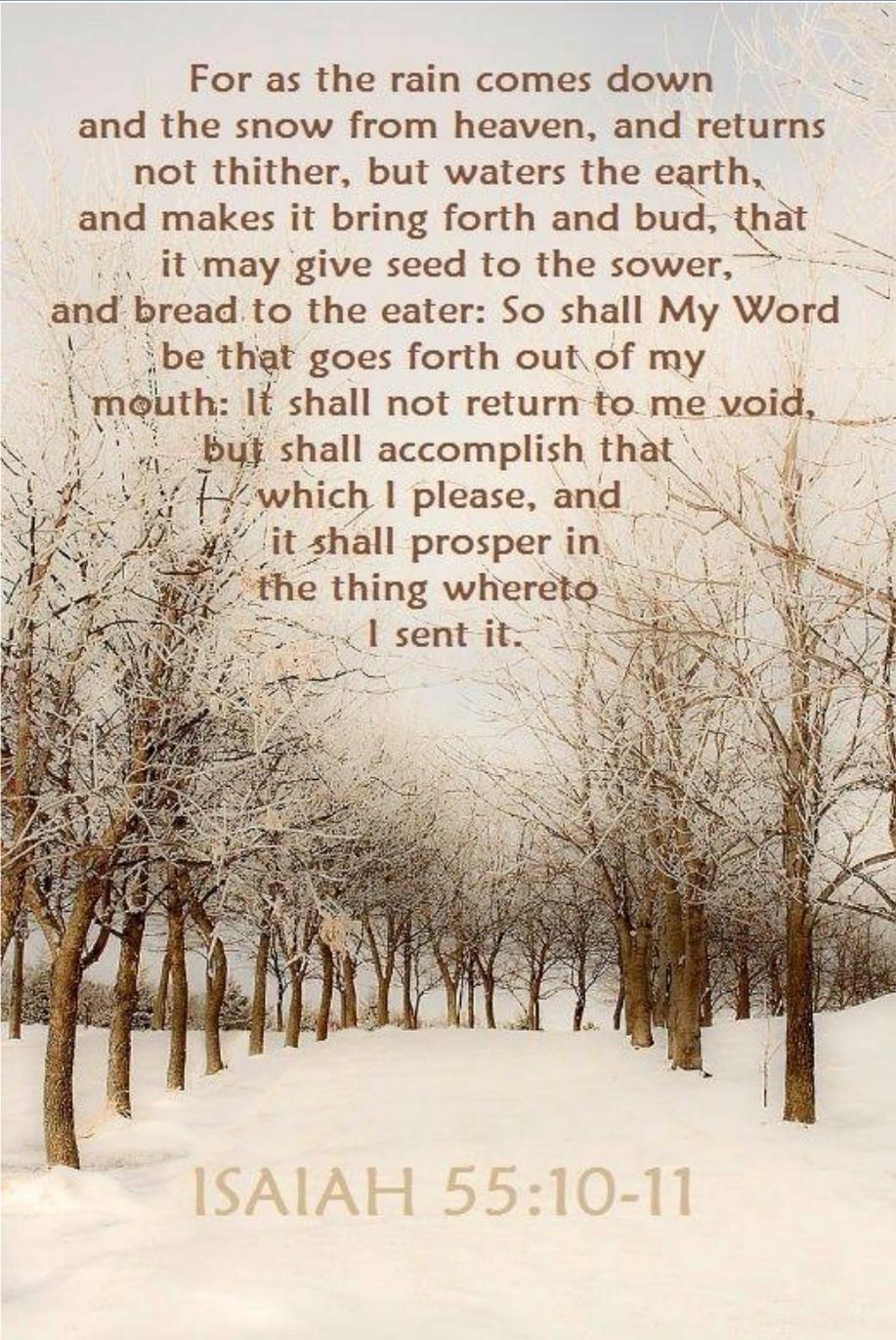


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RECEIVING a WORD from GOD

1 Kings
17:2, 8, 9,
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- Elijah received a Word from the Lord
- For it to be a breakthrough for us, when word is dispensed, we must receive it. There has to be a lodging place

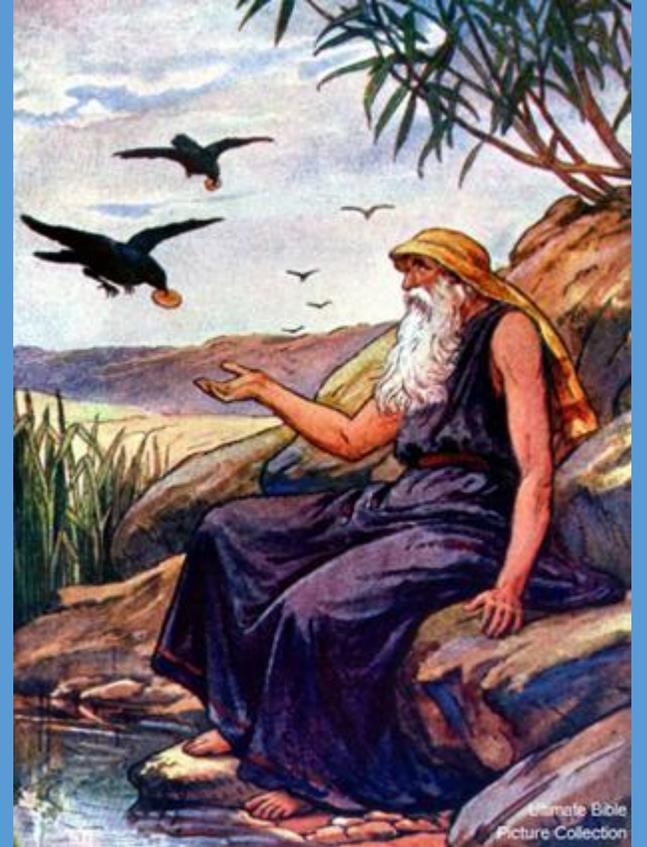


For as the rain comes down
and the snow from heaven, and returns
not thither, but waters the earth,
and makes it bring forth and bud, that
it may give seed to the sower,
and bread to the eater: So shall My Word
be that goes forth out of my
mouth: It shall not return to me void,
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ISAIAH 55:10-11

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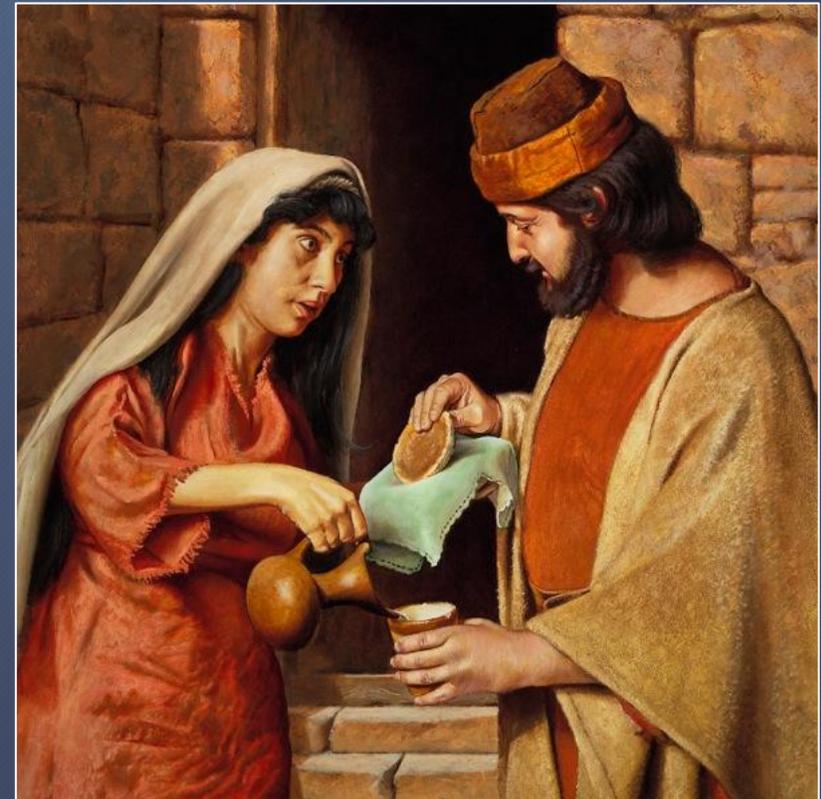
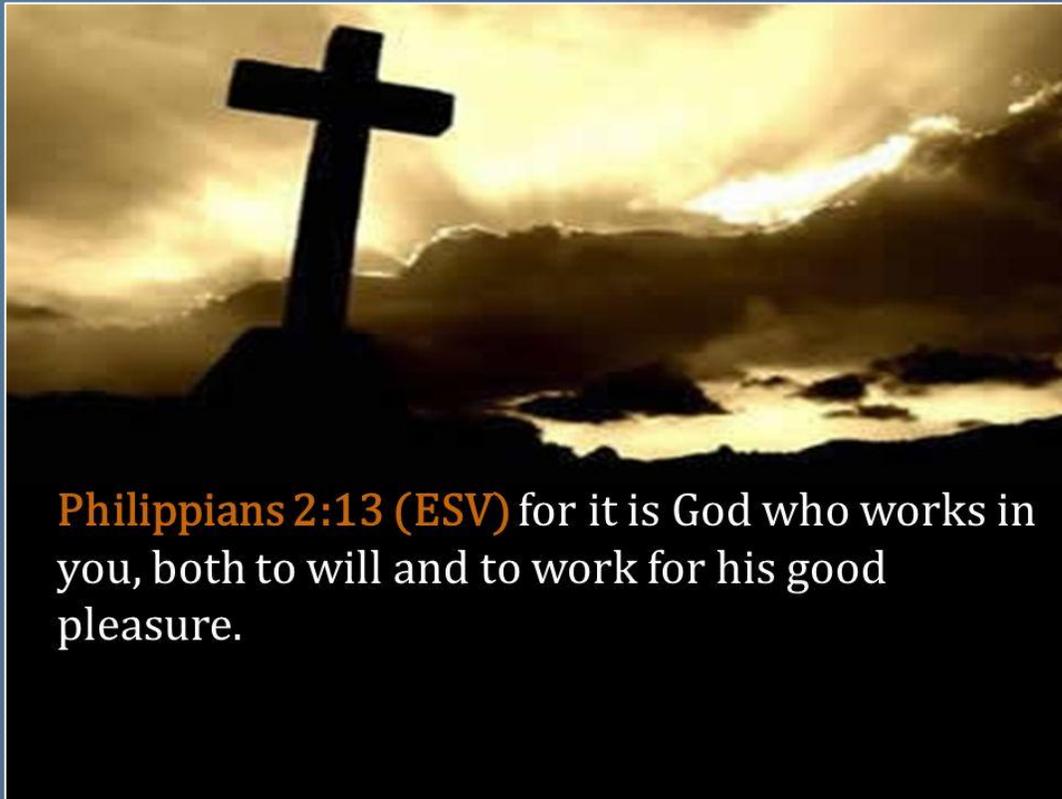
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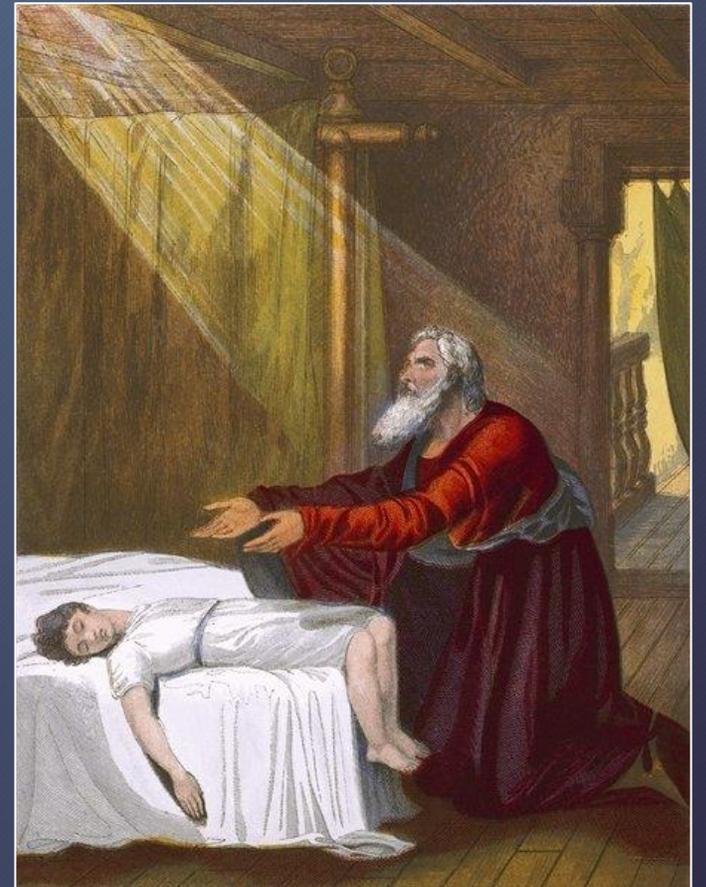
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U. Until
S. Something
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