

***Our Dry Brooks of Life Are Preparing Us for Greater Things Ahead!***  
***1 Kings 17;1-7***

**Introduction**

1. God was preparing Elijah to demonstrate that Yahaveh is the only true God, not Baal.
  - A. Elijah – Yahaveh is God.
2. Under the reign of King Ahab.
  - A. Jezebel, Ahab's wife, began to worship Baal.
    - 1) A temple was built for Baal.
    - 2) Altars were being erected for Baal.
  - B. Jezebel was attempting to eliminate the worship of God (Yahaveh) with Baal.

**Vs. 1**

1. The Godly heart of Elijah was stirred by this.
  - A. God sent Elijah to King Ahab to proclaim a drought was coming.
    - 1) There rebellion and rejection of God would bring judgement.
    - 2) No rain or dew would fall.
2. Baal-worshippers believed he was a god of rain.
  - A. God was getting ready to manifest His superiority over this false god.

**Vs. 2-4**

1. God's direct to Elijah.
  - A. During the rainy season many streams would form.
  - B. When the rainy season ended, they would dry up.
2. God promised provision for his servant.

**Vs. 5-6**

1. God provides for his servant.
  - A. God uses a raven, a bird that normally neglect their own young.
  - B. Now they faithfully came morning & evening to feed Elijah.
2. Bread – Hebrew word means food in general.
  - A. Fruits, vegetables, berries, etc.
  - B. Probably brought from a distance where the drought hadn't impacted.
3. God was providing physically.
  - A. He was also developing Elijah spiritually.

***God is the same God in those good times as well as in those bad time.***

1. If we can trust God to take care of us when the brook is filled with water.
  - A. We must know God will still take care of us when the brook is emptied of water.
2. If we say we only have faith when the brook is full.
  - A. Our faith is simply by sight.

***Learning to trust God when the brook is dry, we are learning God's endless resources.***

1. Our needs are met by His riches and glory.

***Philippians 4:19***

***19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches IN glory by Christ Jesus.***

2. We are discovering God exceeding ability in all circumstances.

***Ephesians 3:20***

***20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,***

***Trusting God when the brook is dry allows us to soar to new heights with Him.***

*Isaiah 40:31*

*31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*

***As we trust God during dry seasons, we can be confident that He is getting us ready for something even greater in the future.***

1. Sometimes what may seem like a setback is God's avenue to prepare you for better things.

Examples

1. Moses – backside of the desert.
2. John – sent to the isle of Patmos.
3. Jesus hung on a cross.

***Obedience without full understanding.***

1. With God we must trust the end results to Him.
  - A. We can't plan those end results.
2. Elijah was told he would be fed and watered.
3. Elijah's obedience never wavered.

Conclusion

1. Encourage people to – continue to take faithful steps even during uncertainty.
2. Continue to trust God's plan.
3. His plan is much greater than your plan.
4. There will be some time of uncertainty.
  - A. God has changed.