



“We Will Have Some Dry Days”

1 Kings 17:1-24 Sermon Text: 1 Kings 17:17, 12, 14-16

It is becoming increasingly more difficult for me to comprehend the world in which we live. God gave us everything that we need to not merely survive, but to prosper. Yet we continue to blunder in the *Sea of Doubt and Despair*. The news is replete with the untold lives of thousands who have lost or will lose their hope. People are going hungry and homes are being lost at an enormous rate. Fear has gripped a nation and it is being reflected in the behavior of God’s children.

People who have comprehended and implemented the fact that if God is their source that even though they may face some “Dry Days” when the creeks in their lives may run dry, God will never let them die of thirst. God will always provide what we need when our lives go through those bone-dry days when nothing appears to be coming together.

This morning I want to share briefly an ancient, simple story about two people whose lives both faced some dry days. All of us will experience some absolutely lonely, dry periods in our lives, but if we truly believe in our Source, everything will be alright.

In today’s sermon, we read about Elijah who was the first in a long line of important prophets God sent to Israel and Judah. Israel, the northern kingdom, had no faithful king throughout its history. Each king was wicked, actually leading people to worship pagan gods. For 300 years, people’s lives were dry, because they had forsaken God.

God called Elijah to face King Ahab and to tell him, “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.” This was a bold stance by a man of God to call on God to bring a drought upon the land. After Elijah’s pronouncement, God told him to leave that place and hide in the Kerith Ravine and camp by the small running creek—a cool, babbling brook; a quiet, calm, beautiful place. He trusted God to provide his needs, but Elijah’s creek dried up. Even though, when all seemed to dry up, he learned God will provide our every need.

His ordeal is followed by the story of the widow at Zarephath (vs. 7-24). She faced days, which were dry with no food, and a son who stopped breathing. Once again, God proved to be the source to trust on dry days. Moses, Joshua, Caleb, David, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Job, Paul, Silas, and even Jesus faced dry days. The answer to facing dry days is DO NOT PANIC. GOD WILL NOT FORGET YOU NOR LEAVE YOU!!

As you face dry days economically, physically, psychologically, and worst of all spiritually, do not give up; do not give in; do not think of quitting on yourself or God. He is and will always be there. Be patient. God knows your hiding place and just how thirsty you are, as well as what you need to quench your thirst.

On your driest days, call on God to provide.

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