

God's Eight Surprises and Miracles During Drought

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Elijah had to warn and deliver the bad news to King Ahab that there will be no rain for 3.5 years because of the bad things Israel had done. King Ahab was concerned that this will put him in a bad situation and the people may want to kill him (1 Kings 17:1-24). But, God protected him and showed him His surprises. When we are in a similar drought situation, let us turn to God and trust in His surprises and miracles.

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1. A Surprising Direction

- There are times when we have planned everything, but God's plans are different and even better!
- When God plans to use us, He will equip, empower, and reward us when we obey.

2. A Surprising Place

- Elijah was asked to hide himself by the brook Cherith; east of Jordan.
- God leads us to the right place and sometimes this is a surprise for us.

3. A Surprising Provider

- He will drink from the brook Cherith and he will be fed by ravens.
- We do not know how God will provide for us but he will certainly provide for us. God knows our needs even before we ask for them.

4. A Surprising Problem

- The brook dried up. But, everything calls for a reason and a season.
- The real test of our character is how we live for God when we are alone. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, not on the problems.

5. A Surprising Directive

- The Lord asked him to go to Zarepath and a widow there will support him with food.
- We have to listen to His ways even if we have already set our minds.

6. A Surprising Request

- Elijah asked for a seemingly selfish demand. He asked for a drink and food. The widow had barely enough for herself and her dying son, their food were almost running out, but she shared with him what they had.
- As Christians, we are called to share our blessings with others, no matter how meager they are.

7. A Surprising Provision

- The widow was a generous woman. And she was rewarded. Their provisions did not dry up even after she gave him the last of their food.
- We should not measure God's ways. We can never out-give Him.

8. A Surprising Miracle

- Obedience to his word, Faith in his promises, and the Lord will create Miracles for us.
- Let us share whatever it is that we need, and it will come back to us a hundredfold (Lk 6:38).
- We will have surprising rewards:
 - Provisions of the Lord: the jar of flour did not dry up and the jug of oil did not become empty.
 - Her dead son was kept alive.

Conclusion

When we find ourselves in a drought situation, let us expect God's surprises and miracles because God will take care of us and He will lead us to the right path to enjoy His reward.

Reflection

Recall the surprises that God has given you. How did you react? Did they change your initial plans? How did they turn out in the end? Are you ready for God's surprises and miracles?

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