Elijah Trusts God Sun Am 2/28/21 KZ Lesson

# Memory Verse: Isaiah 1:19 NKJV)

**19**If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land;

Target Thought: Elijah put his trust in God.

# 1 Kings 17:1-5 (NKJV)

**17**And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, “*As* the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.”

**2**Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, **3**“Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. **4**And it will be *that* you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.”

**5**So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.

Feeding birds is a very popular activity. I have read that there are more than 52 million Americans who feed birds around their home. Why do they do it? Most people do it because they want to attract more birds to come to their area. Some people find it to be a very relaxing activity. It is a well-known fact that many people feed birds, but have you ever heard of birds feeding a person? Well that is exactly what our lesson is about today.

Our Bible story today is about a prophet of God by the name of Elijah. At this time there was a very wicked king in Israel by the name of Ahab. Because of the evil things that Ahab was doing, Elijah told him that there would be no dew or rain for several years until he gave the word. Now Elijah gave that prophecy because that is what God told him to say. Because of what Elijah told him, Ahab hated him and wanted to harm him. Ahab and his wife had threatened to kill Elijah.

The Lord said to Elijah, " Go and hide by Kerith Brook where it enters the Jordan River. There you will have plenty to drink from the brook and you will eat what the ravens bring to you. You see, God told the birds to take food to Elijah every day. Wow! Would that have been hard to do? To hide in a cave, drink from a brook and wait for the birds to bring you food? Would you have been worried or scared?

So Elijah did what God told him to do and camped beside the brook. Elijah trusted God, he was willing and obedient to God. Guess what happened? Every morning and evening the birds brought bread and meat for Elijah to eat and he had plenty to drink just as God had promised him. God was able to protect and provide for Elijah just as our memory verse says because Elijah trusted and obeyed God.

Isn't it wonderful how God took care of Elijah? Well, it is true that God cares for his children today, If we can trust Him He will protect and provide for us and always keep us safe with Him. Jesus himself said, "If God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you.

So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?'" (Matthew 6:29-31)

It is easy for us to trust and believe God, and not worry because we know that He loves us very much and we are His children.

Let us pray.

Father, help us to trust in you and do what you tell us to do. We know that you will care for us just as You cared for all your children.. In the name of Jesus we ask Amen.

What 2 things was Elijah so that he received from God?

Was God able to protect and provide for Elijah?

Why is it easy for us to trust and believe God?