

1 KINGS 17:17-24 – ELIJAH Revives the Widow's Son!

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Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior – F. J. Crosby – sung by Gaither Choir-
Romance Wilson

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, Hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

Refrain: Savior, Savior, Hear my humble cry, While on others Thou art calling, Do not pass me by.

Thou the spring of all my comfort, More than life to me, Whom have I on earth beside Thee, Whom in Heav'n but Thee. (Refrain – 2X)

1 Kings 17 – Elijah (The Lord God; my God is Jehovah) Because of Israel's Wickedness, Drought and Famine are coming!

1Ki 16:29-34 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years. [30] Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him. [31] And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him. [32] Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. [33] And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.



All of the kings of the northern ten tribes, known at this time as “Israel” were bad. One of the worst was Ahab., who in the previous chapter, had become the king over the northern kingdom, the ten tribes of divided Israel. He did evil that, before the Lord, more than any of the other kings before him. He was the worst. He added to his evil by marrying Jezebel, “Who was the daughter of Ethbaal, the king of Sidon, and they began to serve Baal, and to worship him. Suddenly in the midst of this spiritual decline when the kingdom has come to its lowest point, there appears this man, Elijah, the Tishbite. Elijah was a man of rugged countenance. 2Ki 1:8 So they answered him, "A hairy man wearing a leather belt around his waist." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite." He was clothed with a girdle of leather about his loins. He was a hairy man. He looked like some kind of a thing out of the movies or something. Hairy guy, leather clothes, suddenly he appears on the scene! In the beginning verses of chapter 17, Elijah pronounces a drought of long duration. God initially provides sustenance for Elijah by ravens feeding him at Brook Cherith until the Brook runs dry. Then God directs Elijah to go to a widow in Zarephath, Sidon to provide for him, which she did for about two and a half years. Luk 4:25-26 But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; [26] but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

Elijah Raises the Widow's Son

1Ki 17:17 Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him.

1Ki 17:18 So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?"

- Back in verse 12, she was ready to let her son go. There's been this miraculous flour and oil provision that has happened, but now so emotionally moved, she rashly makes wrong perceptions and wrong conclusion. God never gets to you by getting you through someone else.

1Ki 17:19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed.

1Ki 17:20 Then he cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?"

- Great emotion here! Elijah must have come to love the child very much!

1Ki 17:21 And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, "O LORD my

God, I pray, let this child's soul come back to him."

- Elijah prayed three times, as Jesus in Gethsemane and Paul with the thorn in the flesh, will also do. God didn't answer the first time he prayed. God didn't answer the second time he prayed, but God did answer the third time he prayed. God doesn't always answer the first time we call, though many times He is planning to answer.
- This is a remarkable demonstration of faith by Elijah, he has no reference, this has never happened before!
- **Luk 11:9-10** *"So I say to you, ask (keep on asking), and it will be given to you; seek (keep on seeking), and you will find; knock (keep on knocking), and it will be opened to you. [10] everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."*

1Ki 17:22 *Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.*

- *the soul* [or the consciousness] *of the child came into him again, and he revived.* [This speaks of the consciousness having left him, returning in him again. Those who have experienced that out of body experience, are aware so many times, of their spirit leaving their body. Looking back at the room, and seeing their body lying there. They're aware, their spirit coming back into their body. This little child went through that experience.] **There is no "soul sleep" in the Bible!**

1Ki 17:23 *And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!"*

- Notice, Elijah rightly takes no credit for this miracle!

1Ki 17:24 *Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."*

- Notice how the routine of the daily miracle can cause it to become routine, but here death shatters all of this. This is a different level of a test of our faith, that He provides life after death!
- Elijah is being prepared for that great day on Mt. Carmel!
- Eternal life! The LORD will say that to all of us one day! "Now I know"!

SUMMARY:

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THE WONDER OF IT ALL – George Beverly Shea

*There's the wonder of sunset at evening, The wonder as sunrise I see; But the wonder of
wonders that thrills my soul Is the wonder that God loves me.*

*Refrain: O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all! Just to think that God loves me.
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*There's the wonder of springtime and harvest, The sky, the stars, the sun; But the wonder of
wonders that thrills my soul Is a wonder that's only begun. (Refrain)*

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