

Matthew 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for
theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



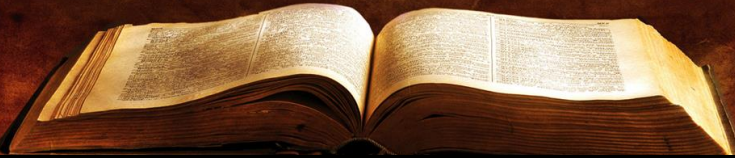
Let's Pray



Love



1 Kings 17



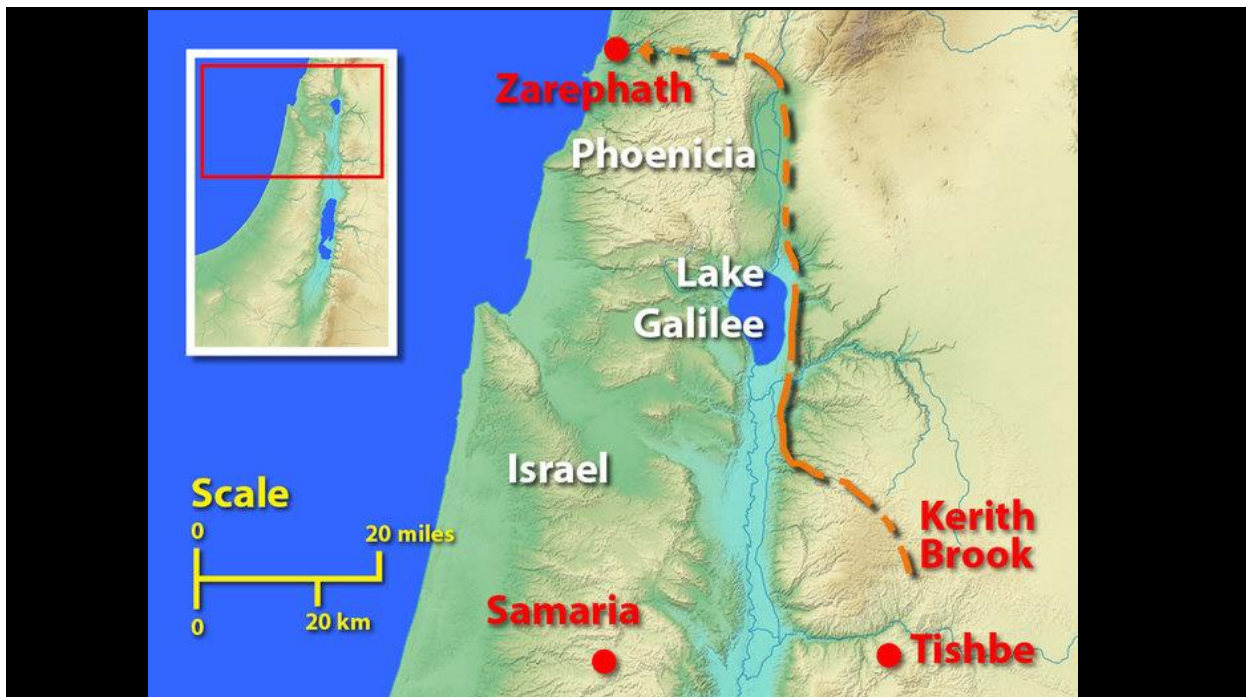
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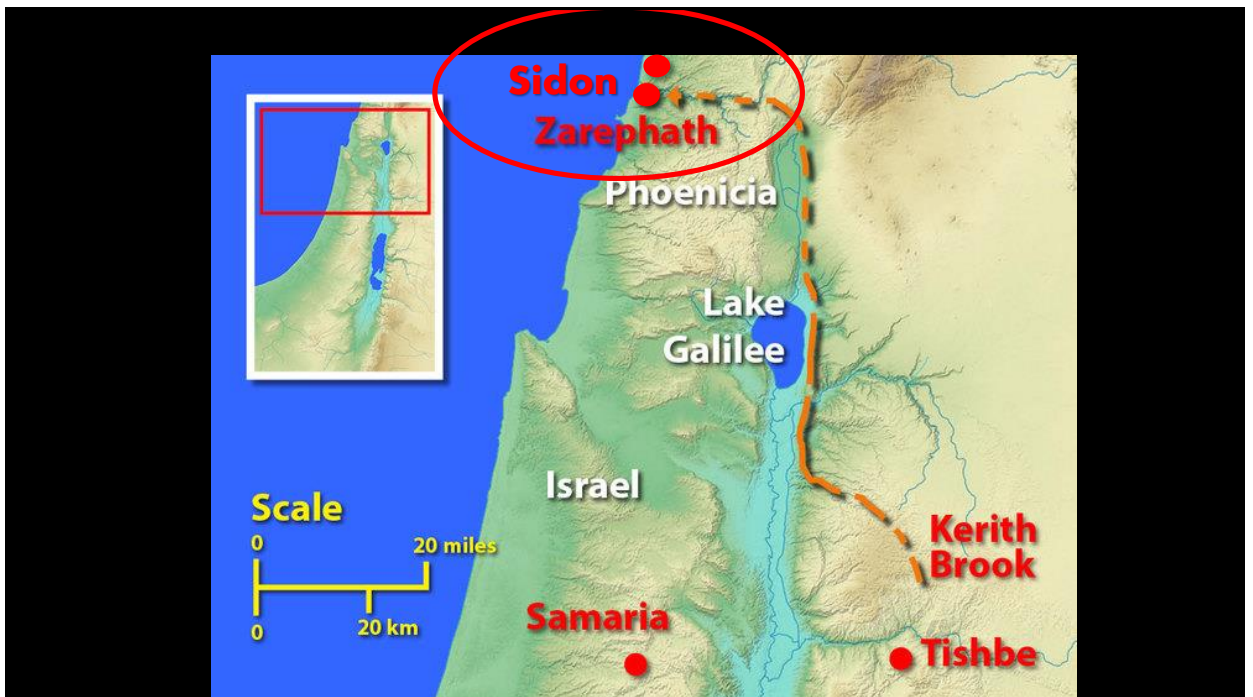
1 Kings 17:7-16

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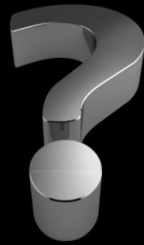


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God's supply
for the poor?



2. Be God's
spokesperson to
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²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!" ²² The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. ²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!" ²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."



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1 Kings 17:18 (MSG) The woman said to Elijah, "Why did you ever show up here in the first place..."

She forgot that God was for her, NOT against her.

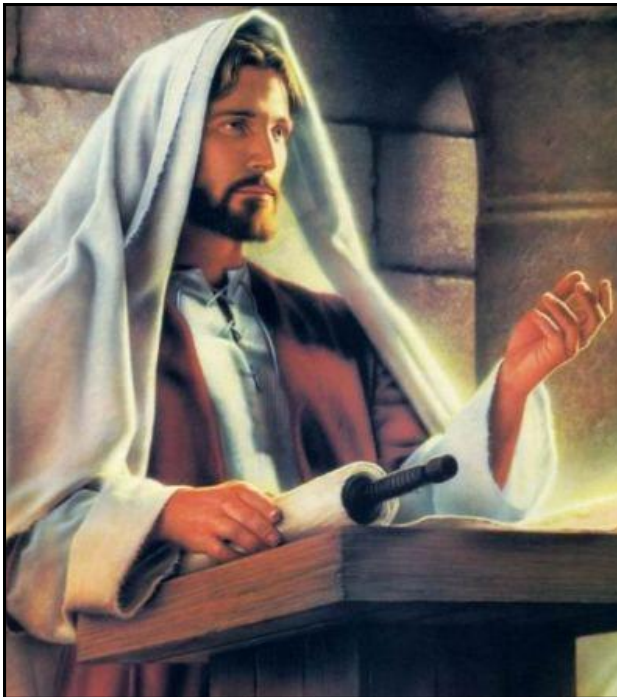


John 9:2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus replied, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned."

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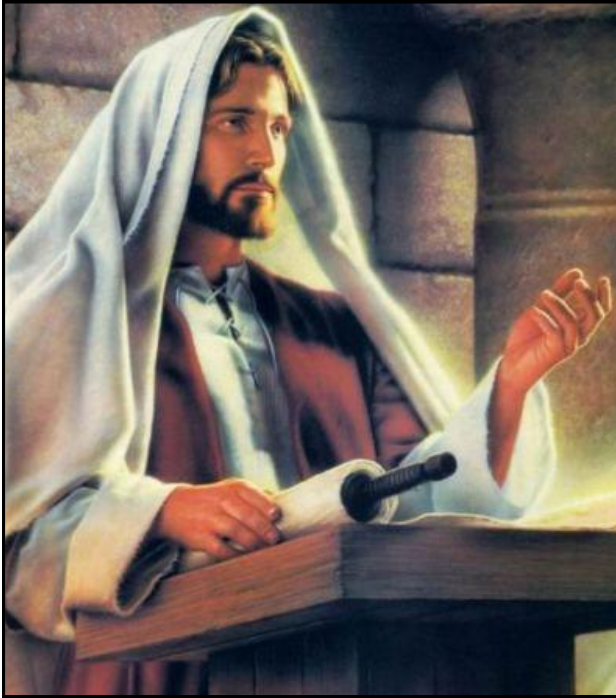


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Luke 4:24-26

24 “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. **25** I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. **26** Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.



Luke 4:18-20

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Luke 4:21

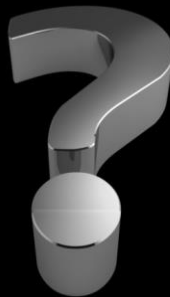
Jesus began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."



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3. Be God's Servant for the Lord

Zarephath *means* **refining**

Cherith *means* **to cut away or cut off**

ELIJAH



1 Kings 18

Elijah learned ...

1. To **trust God** as he served.



God has frequently changed His means of supply to keep our eyes fixed on the Source.

- Watchman Nee -



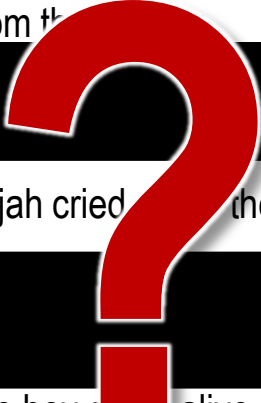



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2. To **pray** as he served.


1 Kings 17:17-19 The boy died, the widow blamed God, Elijah took the boy from the house.

1 Kings 17:20-21 Elijah cried out to the Lord.

1 Kings 17:22-24 The boy came alive, the widow trusted God, Elijah returned the boy to the mother.

James 5:16-18 The **prayer** of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was an ordinary man, even as we are. He **prayed** earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again, he **prayed**, the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.



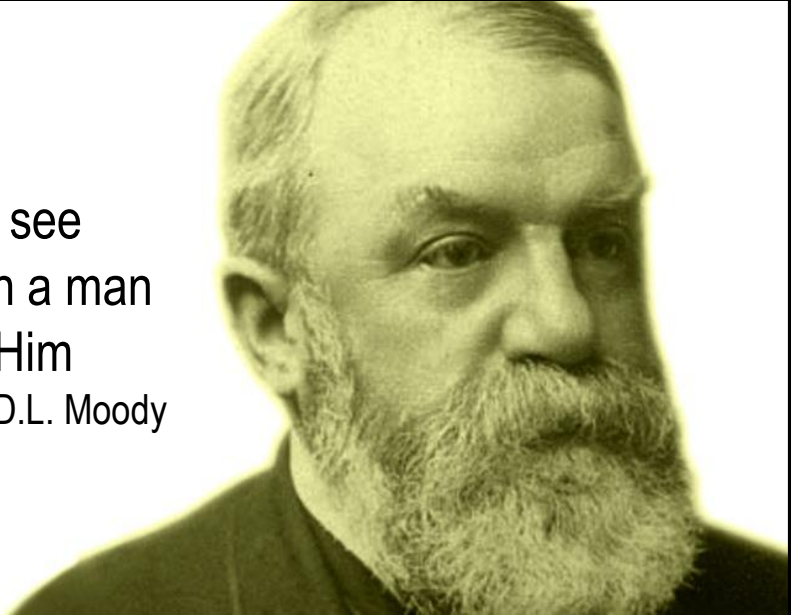
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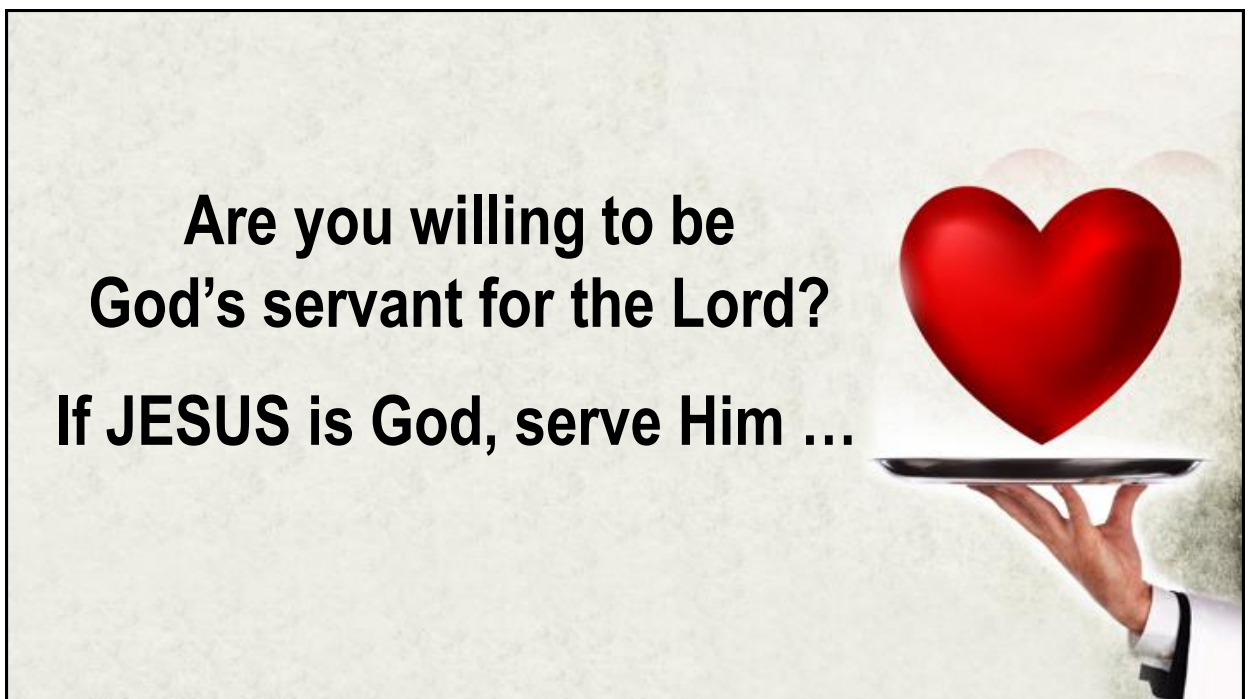
1. To trust God as he served.
2. To pray as he served.
3. That he was **never alone** as he served.



The world has yet to see
what God will do with a man
fully consecrated to Him

- D.L. Moody





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