

Trust God

Sermon Guide from I Kings 17–18

Big idea The Lord keeps His word, provides for His people, and proves that He alone is God. We can trust Him and follow Him wholeheartedly.

Trusting God Through the Drought

1 NO RAIN / *Kings 17:1*

Elijah announces that no dew or rain will fall except by the Lord's word. God remains sovereign over the land and its false gods.

2 NO WORRIES / *Kings 17:2–7*

God directs Elijah to the brook Cherith and provides bread and meat through ravens. Elijah can rest in God's care.

3 NO OPTIONS / *Kings 17:8–12*

When the brook dries up, God sends Elijah to a widow with almost nothing left. Human resources fail, but God's word still directs the next step.

4 NO FEAR / *Kings 17:13–23*

Elijah calls the widow to act in faith. God supplies flour and oil, then answers Elijah's prayer by restoring her son's life.

5 NO DOUBT / *Kings 17:24*

The widow confesses that Elijah is a man of God and that the word of the Lord in his mouth is truth.

Key question Where do I need to trust God's word and provision even when my options seem exhausted?

Trusting the God Who Answers

6 NO MORE DROUGHT *I Kings 18:1–2*

After many days, the word of the Lord sends Elijah back to Ahab. God promises rain while the famine remains severe.

7 NO CAP (or NO LIE) *I Kings 18:3–16*

Obadiah fears what Ahab may do, yet he obeys Elijah's command and carries the message to the king.

8 NO MIDDLE GROUND *I Kings 18:20–22*

Elijah confronts Israel's divided loyalty. If the Lord is God, follow Him. God's people cannot keep wavering between two opinions.

9 NO CONTEST *I Kings 18:23–40*

Baal gives no answer. Elijah repairs the altar and prays. The Lord answers by fire, and the people confess, "The Lord, he is God."

10 NO MORE DROUGHT *I Kings 18:41–46*

Elijah prays in faith. A small cloud appears, heavy rain follows, and the hand of the Lord strengthens Elijah.

Personal Application

Trust God to fulfill His word *Matthew 5:18*

Choose your side *Romans 12:1–2*

Give effort in your walk with God *2 Peter 1:5*

Trust God for the resources you need *Philippians 2:12–13*

Watch out for pride *1 Corinthians 10:12*

My response: Because the Lord alone is God, I will...