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Title : God Can and God Will

Text: 1 Kings 17: 1-24

Can God Really Meet your Need? Yes, God Can!

Faith is the key for getting your needs met. This faith must manifest itself in five areas of life:

1. There Must be Faith in the Will of God (1 Kings 17:3)

- Elijah has just confronted the king and now God is sending him into the wilderness.
- God's people must learn to place their faith in the will of God even when you don't understand it.

2. There Must be Faith in the Ways of God (1 Kings 17: 9)

- When the brook dried up and the ravens quit bringing food, God sends him to a widow.
- We must have faith in the great truth that God knows what He is doing.
- We must learn to trust God's ways

Isaiah 55: 8-9 ***"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. ⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts"***

3. There Must be Faith in the Work of God (1 Kings 17: 13-16)

- It must have been a real trial of faith for this widow to make that great a sacrifice, but she placed her faith in the Work of God.
- Notice verse 13, she is told to ***"go and do..."***; verse 15 tells us that ***"she went and did..."***

4. There Must be Faith in the Word of God (1 Kings 17:14)

- This widow entered this valley of testing with the promise ***"thus says the Lord God of Israel..."***
- If God said that He would look after your need, then you can take that to the bank of eternity and know that it will draw interest forever.
- You can place your faith in the Word of God.

5. There Must be Faith in the Wonder of God (1 Kings 17: 17-24)

- This faithful widow's son died suddenly and she went to the man of God for help
- Here is the key – simply coming to the place where you just believe God is big enough to handle your problem.
- Ephesians 3:20 ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us..."

Conclusion

We must get beyond "God could and God might" and come to the place where we become confident that "God can and God will".

Faith looks beyond the present pain and sees God who can and will!