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## Standing In The Gap

“Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”

1 Kings 17:1-16

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Introduction: We have begun a study where we will focus on the life and times of Elijah.

1. Last week we considered the state of Israel when God raised him up as His prophet.
  - In doing so, we noted how very similar the times were to our own.
2. Today we consider the beginning of his ministry.
3. In light of Israel’s sin under Ahab and Jezebel, Elijah pronounces a drought.
  - In other words, Israel is about to experience a season of suffering and Elijah would be seen as the cause.
4. This is a story about survival, but not an ordinary story.
5. This story supernaturally demonstrates how God really can “Give us each day our daily bread”.

### I. God’s Provision In Cherith

A. Extended Drought

B. Hide Yourself

C. Supernatural Provision

### II. God’s Provision In Zarephath

A. New Direction

B. A Humbling Experience

C. God’s Promise

D. God’s Faithfulness

Conclusion: We have never experienced this kind of drought/famine in our lifetime, but every one of us has experienced seasons of suffering and scarcity.

1. God wants to use these moments to make us better.
2. This will depend on our response.
3. To become the men/women God wants us to be we must:
  - Overcome Pride
  - Overcome Fear
  - Overcome Resentment
  - Overcome Routine
4. God knows what lies ahead.
5. He uses today to prepare us.
6. Do you trust Him?