

Title: Obedience- the secret to a prophetic lifestyle
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The Life of Elijah

1 Kings 17 ¹ And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.” ² Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ³ “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. ⁴ And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” ⁵ So he went and did according to the word of the Lord, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. ⁷ And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

1. Know that He is a living God

as the Lord God of Israel lives

- Know that He touches and changes the course of history

2. Live daily in His presence

before whom I stand

- Prophets stand before God
- They press in to experience His presence
- They live in His presence

3 His words speaks to very heart of Baal Worship

there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word. v1

- His words shut the heavens
- Baal was the Fertility god
- Who was Ahab? 1 Kings 16:30ff

4 Obedience opens up the well of God's Word

then the word of the Lord came to him, saying v2

- God speaks to those who obey Him

5 There is clarity in God's voice

get away from here and turn **eastward**, and **hide** by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.
v3

6 His Word opens up supernatural provision

and it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.v4

7 Obedience brings the Word of God into fulfilment

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the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. v6

8 The test of famine

And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. v7

- Don't make your own plans
- Don't act in fear