

## Days of Elijah pt2 - Five Elements of Continual Supply

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[Jas 5:17 NASB95] 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months.

[1Ki 17:7-16 NASB95] 7 It happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land. 8 Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and stay there; behold, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath, and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her and said, "Please get me a little water in a jar, that I may drink." 11 As she was going to get [it,] he called to her and said, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand." 12 But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have no bread, only a handful of flour in the bowl and a little oil in the jar; and behold, I am gathering a few sticks that I may go in and prepare for me and my son, that we may eat it and die." 13 Then Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go, do as you have said, but make me a little bread cake from it first and bring [it] out to me, and afterward you may make [one] for yourself and for your son. 14 "For thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'The bowl of flour shall not be exhausted, nor shall the jar of oil be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain on the face of the earth.'" 15 So she went and did according to the word of Elijah, and she and he and her household ate for [many] days. 16 The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through Elijah.

- It's easy to prosper when everything is favorable. God wants you to enjoy continual supply in any environment.
- Here, in Elijah's second miracle story, we see a supernatural continual supply.

**What are the elements of the continual supply in Elijah's life?**

**Here are five elements of continual supply.**

**I. Be willing to change when God directs you to change.**

- a. V. 7-8 – Then the word of the LORD...
- b. The venue change did not occur because of circumstance but because of direction.
- c. We must be willing to change and do something different when God says.
- d. Notice: Elijah did not change just because the water dried up.
- e. Seek God, not circumstances. Make changes when He tells you, not when circumstances change.

**II. "BE" "THERE."**

- a. V. 9 – there to provide for you.
- b. Supernatural supply comes when we are there.
- c. BE – as far as fully bought in. [Isa 1:19 NASB95] 19 "If you consent and obey, You will eat the best of the land;
- d. "There" = find your grace and get in your place.

**III. Recognize that "there" might not look like a place of continual supply.**

- a. V. 9-10 – the widow gathering sticks.
- b. Most people would not want a widow to be a supply source.

**IV. Remember, it is not only about you.**

- a. V. 10-13 – for you and your son
- b. [Pro 11:25 NASB95] 25 The generous man will be prosperous, And he who waters will himself be watered.

**V. Your giving opens the door to continual supply.**

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- a. V. 14-16
  - b. [Pro 3:10-11 NASB95] 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty And your vats will overflow with new wine. 11 My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD Or loathe His reproof,
  - c. [Luk 6:38 NASB95] 38 "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure pressed down, shaken together, [and] running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."
  - d. [Phi 4:18-19 NASB95] 18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. 19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
  - e. How to become a giver?
    - i. Tithe. To God. Ten percent of income.
    - ii. Offerings. To God. Any amount.
    - iii. Alms. To the poor. Any amount.
- **In any environment, God wants us to enjoy continual supply as we make changes at His direction, find our place, give ourselves wholeheartedly to His call, be a blessing to others, and become cheerful givers.**