

A wild prophet flies squawking into town, demanding bread and water.

Things were good for Elijah, all things considered.

And after awhile, the water ran dry, and the prophet moved on.

Elijah had all of his basic needs cared for, until God called him to move on somewhere else.

The widow on Zarephath had nothing, until God provided it.

Two people in need find each other.

**Nourishment comes from strange places when God is at work.**

**Why should ravens bring meat to a hungry man?**

**Why should a demanding prophet bring bread?**

Quoth the raven: "Have some *moore!*"

God calls us out of comfortable places to share his word with those who need it. This account shows us that God cares for all the people of the earth and provides for them, but it is our special privilege to share the Gospel in person, as it was shared with us.

The widow was impressed and her life was saved, but it wasn't until she lost her son and he was brought back from the dead that she came to believe in this God and what he does.

At best, this widow seems to acknowledge that his God exists and lives, but doesn't seem to confess faith in him alone.

How God provides changes in this life, but not in terms of our salvation.

"As the Lord your God lives."

