

THE POWER OF AN OBEDIENT LIFE:

The Benefits of Obedience

(1 Kings 17:2-6)

I. The Foundations for Obedience (REVIEW)

A. A dynamic and personal relationship with God

“As the Lord, the God of Israel lives, whom I serve . . .”

1 Kings 17:1 (NIV)

B. A deep and personal knowledge of the Word of God

“ . . . there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.” 1 Kings 17:1 (NIV)

(see also Deuteronomy 11:16-17)

C. The practice of biblically-based prayer

Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. James 5:17 (NIV)

II. The Benefits of Obedience

A. Benefit #1: _____:

A _____ from God when you need it!

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: 1 Kings 17:2 (NIV)

B. Benefit #2: _____:

God’s _____ in your circumstances!

“Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan.” 1 Kings 17:3 (NIV)

If my people would but listen to me, if Israel would follow my ways, how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes. Psalm 81:13-14 (NIV)

C. Benefit #3: _____

God will provide for your _____ !

“You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there.” 1 Kings 17:4(NIV)

So [Elijah] did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. 1 Kings 17:5 (NIV)

The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and drink in the evening, and he drank from the brook. 1 Kings 17:6 (NIV)