

Sermon Study Guide – August 6th, 2023

Today's Focus: "Christians Trust God to Fight Famines"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ Famines aren't really something we deal with as 21st Century Americans... but what other things in your life could be described as "famines", where you lack something you need?
- ◆ How do we "fight" such famines? How well do we trust God will get us through them? What does God say he will do?

2) Today's Message: 1 Kings 17:1-6

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word." ² Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³ "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there." ⁵ So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

3) What does God want you to hear today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



How does today's sermon change how you want to live your life?

Answer the following questions if it helps you follow the sermon...

1. Describe the things that Elijah lacked in our sermon text.
2. Describe what Elijah lacked in the future, after our sermon text?
3. Why is it so easy to doubt God even when he has given us every reason to trust him?
4. How does God help us with such doubts by providing us something that is hard to doubt (even for us)?
5. Why does God emphasize he will take care of our spiritual needs, even when we also have so many bodily needs?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

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| Monday: <i>review</i> Eph. 1:3-10, Mt. 15:30-39 | Thursday: 1 Kings 19 |
| Tuesday: <i>read/review</i> 1 Kings 17 | Friday: 2 Kings 2 |
| Wednesday: 1 Kings 18 | Saturday: Matthew 6 |