

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

....*"This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB*

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FAITH FOR GOD'S PROVISION

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You Can Receive Divine Provision Regardless of the Circumstances Around You

The widow of Zarephath – I Kings 17:8-16

* During a devastating famine in Israel, God spoke to Elijah,

"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." I Kings 17:9 NKJV

If Elijah had failed to act on the Word of the Lord, he would have missed an opportunity to minister to this woman, her son, and the entire region – as well as having his own needs met. It is obvious that both Elijah and the widow had to act in faith before God's provision was set in motion to meet their needs.

All that the widow woman had between life and death was just enough meal and oil to make a cake for herself and her son. Elijah said, "...make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son." (I Kings 17:13 NKJV)

The woman seized this God-given opportunity for provision for herself and her son. She made a cake for Elijah first, and after that they ate a full year out of that barrel of meal and cruse of oil!

A hopeless situation was turned into a divine provision by two separate acts of faith.