# Study Guide & Reflection Questions1 Kings Chapter 17 – Obedience, Provision, and Miracles

## 📘 STUDY GUIDE

This week’s study focuses on **1 Kings 17**, where God raises up the prophet Elijah to pronounce judgment on a rebellious nation. Through divine instructions, obedience, provision, and miracles, this chapter demonstrates how faith, obedience, and mutual ministry can sustain and transform lives even in times of drought and loss.

### Key Themes:

* Obedience to God
* Faith During Crisis
* God’s Provision and Protection
* Mutual Ministry
* Miracles and Resurrection Faith

### 1. Context & Background

* Israel was divided between Judah in the south and Israel in the north.
* King Ahab ruled the north and did more evil than any king before him, introducing widespread idolatry.
* Elijah boldly proclaims a drought as God’s judgment.

### 2. Elijah’s Obedience and Protection

* God tells Elijah to hide in the Kerith Ravine.
* He is miraculously fed by ravens and drinks from the brook.
* God’s GPS (God’s Positioning System) guides and protects him.

### 3. Provision Through a Widow

* Elijah is sent to Zarephath where a widow is appointed to care for him.
* Despite her own desperate situation, she obeys and shares what little she has.
* God miraculously provides an unending supply of flour and oil.

### 4. A Test of Faith – The Son’s Death

* The widow’s son dies, and she blames Elijah.
* Elijah prays fervently and God raises the child from the dead.
* This miracle confirms Elijah’s authority and God’s truth.

### 5. Lessons for Today

* God will lead, provide, and protect when we obey.
* Faith is often tested in scarcity and sorrow.
* Mutual ministry strengthens believers and reveals God’s heart.
* Obedience opens the door for miraculous intervention.

## ✏️ REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. 1. How does Elijah’s obedience, even in danger, challenge or inspire your faith journey?
2. 2. Have you ever been in a ‘drought’ season—physically, emotionally, or spiritually? How did God provide for you?
3. 3. What does this story reveal about God's ability to use unexpected people (like the widow) to fulfill His purpose?
4. 4. How do you respond when resources dry up or life becomes overwhelming—do you wait for God’s next direction?
5. 5. In what ways can you practice mutual ministry in your own community or family this week?
6. 6. How does the resurrection of the widow’s son grow your faith in what God can do in seemingly dead or hopeless situations?