I Kings 17:1-16

*1 Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."*

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*2 And the word of the LORD came to him:*

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*3 "Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan.*

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*4 You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there."*

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*5 So he went and did according to the word of the LORD. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan.*

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*6 And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.*

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*7 And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.*

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*8 Then the word of the LORD came to him,*

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*9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you."*

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*10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink."*

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*11 And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."*

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*12 And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die."*

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*13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.*

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*14 For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'"*

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*15 And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days.*

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*16 The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah." (ESV)*

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Mark 12:41-44

*41 And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums.*

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*42 And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.*

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*43 And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box.*

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*44 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on. (ESV)*

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Luke 12:48

*...Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted*

*much, they will demand the more." (ESV)*

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Luke 19:11-27

*11 As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.*

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*12 He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return.*

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*13 Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.'*

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*14 But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'*

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*15 When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business.*

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*16 The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.'*

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*17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.'*

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*18 And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.'*

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*19 And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.'*

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*20 Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief;*

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*21 for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.'*

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*22 He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow?*

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*23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'*

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*24 And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.'*

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*25 And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!'*

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*26 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.’ (ESV)*

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*Luke 6:38*

*Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. (ESV)*

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Mark 10:17-31

*17 And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"*

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*18 And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.*

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*19 You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'"*

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*20 And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth."*

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*21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."*

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*22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.*

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*23 And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"*

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*24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!*

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*25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."*

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*26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?"*

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*27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."*

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*28 Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you."*

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*29 Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,*

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*30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.*

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*31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first. (ESV)*