

ELIJAH - 1 - THE MAKING OF A MAN OF GOD

ELIJAH: MY GOD IS JEHOVAH.

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." **1 Kings 17:1**

- **ISOLATED PAIN**

Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah: "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. **1 Kings 17:2-3**

Kerith—cut off (from the blessings), or cut down.

"It is doubtful that God can bless a man greatly until He has hurt him deeply." A.W. Tozer

- **TOTAL DEPENDANCE**

You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there." So he did what the Lord had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. **1 Kings 17:4-6**

- **UNCONDITIONAL OBEDIENCE**

Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. **1 Kings 17:7-9a**

Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth." **1 Kings 17:24**

Discussion Questions

- 1) In 1 Kings 17:2-3, God led Elijah to a period of hiding in the Kerith Ravine. Kerith means "cut off or cut down." Describe a painful experience that God used to shape you into who you are today.
- 2) God taught Elijah to depend on Him daily for food and water. What are you trusting God for right now?
- 3) After the brook dried up, Elijah trusted God's word to move on to Zarephath. Is there a "dry brook" in your life God is using to lead you to take a step of faith? Explain.