

**LIFE OF ELIJAH: A study by Bill Jones**  
**“God’s Sure Word Amidst Angry Kings and Dry Brooks”**  
1 Kings 17:1-7

**7 Points from the Perfect Word of God:**

**I. God’s word is sure, we can count on it.**

(1 Kings 16:34; 17:1-2,8,16,24)

**II. God’s word is living and real, while man made gods are no gods at all.**

(1 Kings 17:1 Exodus 20:4-5, Job 19:25, Malachi 3:10,  
Matthew 6:24,33; 10:37-38, Acts 17:16,23-29; 19:26, Romans 1:25,  
Ephesians 5:5, 1 Thessalonians 1:8-9)

**III. God’s word is not to be ignored, it is to be believed.**

(1 Kings 16:34, 17:1, Deuteronomy 11:16-21; 28:22-24, Leviticus 26:19-20,  
2 Samuel 7:25, Isaiah 30:20-22, John 14:15, Romans 10:17)

**IV. God’s word has multiple benefits, but first it must be obeyed.**

(1 Kings 17:2-4 John 14:23-24; 15:7,10, Acts 9:5-6)

**A. God preserves His word and protects us.**

(1 Kings 17:4, Ephesians 6:10-17)

**Analogy: God preserved Elijah, and God preserves His word.**

**B. If we question or ignore God’s word, it will become rare in our lives.**

(1 Kings 17:2-3, 1 Samuel 3:1, Amos 8:11-12)

**Analogy: God sent Elijah to seclusion, and God secluded His word.**

**C. God’s word prepares us for His service.**

(Genesis 39:6-20, Exodus 2:15, Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13,  
Luke 4:1-12, Acts 7:29-30, Romans 12:1, Galatians 1:15-17,  
Ephesians 6:7, Philippians 3:4-6)

**Analogy: God uses Elijah in the life of the widow, and God’s word is  
living and always actively at work. (Hebrews 4:12)**

**Analogy: Elijah ministered to the widow, a Gentile, and God’s word is  
for all people.**

**V. God's word overrules everything else, He is in control of nature.**

(1 Kings 17:6, Leviticus 11:13-15, Deuteronomy 14:11-14, Psalm 76:10, 1 Corinthians 1:27-31)

**Analogy: God overrules the basic nature of ravens, and God overrules our basic sin nature.**

**VI. God's word provides life and sustenance, it is the bread of life.**

(1 Kings 17:4-6, Deuteronomy 8:3, Matthew 4:4, Luke 4:4, John 1:1; 6:35,48)

**Analogy: God provided food for Elijah in the morning and evening, and we need to spend time in God's word (the bread of life) in the morning and evening.**

**VII. God's word never fails, our trust must be in Him.**

(1 Kings 17:7, Psalm 130:5, Isaiah 40:1; 49:14-16; 55:11, John 4:13-14, James 5:17)

**In what ways has the word of the Lord proven dependable in your life?  
God's warning? God's promises?**

**How do we try to minimize the importance of the word of God in our day?**

**How will a right view of the warnings and promises of God affect your personal prayer life? Your work and home? Your sharing of Christ with others? Your impact on society?**