



Worship Guide for March 2, 2025

Sermon Notes

The Word of the Lord = LIFE

1 Kings 17 (pew Bible pg. 299)

The God of the Bible has no rivals. "...The Lord is God, there is none besides Him." "There is no other." (Deut. 4:35, 39). God is Creator, and all things consist in Him. He and He alone gives life.

Ahab denied God as the one true LIVING God by embracing the foolishness of the Israelite kings before him. He and his wicked wife, Jezebel encouraged the worship of the Phoenician gods, particularly Baal. God will not share the covenant love and worship that He alone is due.

The Word of the Lord is life. To reject His Word is to reject Him which leads to death. One author defined "The Word of the Lord" as God's purpose expressed in words. Jesus responded to the devil when He was tempted in the wilderness by quoting Deuteronomy 8. He said, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matt. 4:4). We need God. We should depend on Him, trust Him and Him alone. We need God like we need food and water.

God sends His prophet to deliver HIS WORD. Elijah is "The prophet". Elijah confronts the evil king and things get very interesting. This passage is a demonstration of the reality that when God speaks, lives are changed, and miracles happen.

1. The Word of the Lord confronts sin
2. The Word of the Lord provides direction and protection
3. The Word of the Lord supplies provision
4. The Word of the Lord conquers death

Applications: _____

Sermon Reflection Guide

"Let the *Word* of Christ *dwell* in you (all) *richly*
teaching and *admonishing* one another in all *wisdom*..."

- *Colossians 3:16a*

Focus #1: GOD

1. What does this passage reveal about the character or nature of God?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's eternal plans and purposes?
3. What does this passage reveal about how God interacts with his creation?

Focus #2: ME

4. How does this passage reveal sin in my own mind, heart, or life?
5. In what ways does this passage help us to see how we need to be aligned with God's will?
6. What is one tangible and measurable way that the Spirit is leading me to respond to his Word?

Focus #3: OTHERS

7. What is one truth that I can share meaningfully with someone, and with whom?
8. How can I specifically encourage someone or everyone in my Life Group or church family from this passage?

Three contributions (reflections, questions, observations, etc.) I plan to include in our next Life Group discussion:

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- 2.
- 3.

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MARCH

5 Life Together @ 6:30pm

6 Life Choices Banquet @ 6pm

7 Membership Class @ 6pm

9 Daylight Saving Time begins

16 Children's Church

19 Member's Meeting @ 6:30pm

20 Red Cross Blood Drive @10:30am

28-31 AHG D.C. Trip

30 Communion