

The Lord Lives

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:1–3

Introduction: These are very bleak days for our world, spiritually and morally, but God still works in dismal, sinful times. As Elisha declared, “The Lord God of Israel lives.”

- 1. The Word of the Lord Declared.** “Neither dew nor rain will fall.” This was a word of confirmation (Deut. 11:13–17) and of challenge (James 1:17; Matt. 5:45; Jer. 14:22). It was also a declaration of war.
- 2. The Blessing of the Lord Withheld.** God’s judgment is seen, not just in what He sends, but in what He withdraws, in this case rain and common grace (Rom. 1:24–28; 2 Thess. 2:6). It was also a warning to individuals and to society.
- 3. The Prophet of God Concealed.** Verses 2–3 are a fresh word for Elijah. He was hidden—and so was the Word of God (Amos 8:11–12).

Conclusion: In a bleak age, the Lord still lives, and it is vital for us to hear to and respond to His Word (Heb. 3:7–8).