

"And the Word of The LORD Came unto him, Saying, 'Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and Hide Thyself By The Brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; And I Have Commanded the ravens to feed thee there.'" 1 Kings 17:2-4 KJV

"Cherith" literally means; "the dividing," understood best in the context of the Old Testament where an animal was separated in two in the covenant ritual. Elijah was set apart by Cherith. As long as he abode there, ravens fed him. Cherith was a winter run off brook so it is likely this took place in the spring when rain usually fell, but Elijah had just told Ahab, *"There shall not be dew nor rain,"* but God Had Already Made Sure of Elijah's provision. There is a lesson here. First, do what God Tells you to do and Provision Will Be Provided. God's Commands ARE His Blessings. We find Scriptural Precedent in the very first chapter of the Bible. *"So God Created man In His Own Image, In The Image of God Created He him; male and female Created He them. And God BLESSED them, and God Said unto them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.' And God Said, 'Behold, I Have Given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat."* What God Commands, He Enables. Obedience is the key to God's Storehouse! Cherith was solitary, off the beaten path, so Elijah could hide there. Elijah grew up in the rough terrain of Gilead so God Had Already Prepared him to endure the exile of Cherith. You may not think of your life as preparation for exile, but for believers, *"all things work together for good to them that love God, who are the CALLED according to HIS Purpose."* Trials prepare us for future tasks God Will Command. We must *"seek...first The Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness."* Elijah obeyed God, remained "separated," and ravens brought him food. Did you ever see a wild raven bring anything to anyone? Faithfully abide true to God's Word and He'll See To It that even enemies will provide our needs. Do not fret over provision, but diligently seek after God *"and ALL these things"* Will Be Provided. Current headlines are full of the coming economic failure. God's child need not fret or worry. Our Father Owns it all *"for He Has Created all things and by Him all things consist."* His Promises are more security to believers than two tons of solid gold or a bagful of diamonds! His Word is omnipotent! He said, *"Let There Be Light"* and you wake up to it every morning of your life. Light has yet to cease! You can start worrying when the sun fails to rise!



He remembers little sparrows as they tumble to the ground,
He numbers ev'ry hair upon your head,
And He keeps you in the palm of His unchanging mighty hand,
The Lord is right beside you. Look around! –CGP

History testifies to God's Impossible Provision for those who love Him. "Social media" is an oxymoron. Individuals remain trapped in the solitude of a virtual world. Jesus Said, *"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."* Your hand's invisible in the dark, but you know it's there! God Is Right Here, Right Now! If you seek God, you'll find Him!

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He Hath Said, 'I Will Never Leave thee, Nor Forsake thee.' So that we may boldly say, 'The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.'" Hebrews 13:5-6 KJV