

Following is the outline from a message by Pastor Dave Tietjen at Evangel Baptist Church, Wheaton IL  
[www.evbapt.org](http://www.evbapt.org), continuing his series on Elijah.

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## Message Notes

### “On the Road Again”

#### 1 Kings 17:7-8

#### September 4, 2016

#### God Guides Certainly: So That We Trust Him

##### ◆ With Utmost Confidence

“Knowing the Lord’s will is not always easy. Often, we take the path of least resistance and let our circumstances decide what comes next. And so we vacillate like weather vanes, changing our courses with the wind. At other times, we refuse to budge an inch, nearly demanding a voice from heaven to order us into action.”

(William Petersen)

##### ◆ In Scripture

##### ◆ By His Spirit

##### ◆ Through Our Wisdom

##### ◆ With Trusted Friends

##### ◆ At Our Opportunities

##### ◆ Through Uncomfortable Change

“God is constantly transplanting us.”

(F. B. Meyer)

“Moab has been at ease from his youth; he has settled on his dregs, and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, nor has he gone into captivity. Therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent has not changed.”

(Jeremiah 48:11 NKJV)

##### ◆ Against Uncertain Challenges

##### ◆ Through This Unusual Prophet

#### God Guides Sufficiently: So That We Praise Him

##### ◆ Often Creatively: Daily the Birds Came

##### ◆ Ravens Revealed

##### ◆ Ravens Referenced (Genesis 8:6-7; Song of Songs 5:11; Proverbs 30:17; Isaiah 34:11; Psalm 147:9; Luke 12:24)

“And these you shall regard as an abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, they *are* an abomination: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, the kite, and the falcon after its kind; every raven after its kind.” (Leviticus 11:13-15 NKJV)

“If God sends you to Cherith to hide you for a season, do not despair, for He has not forgotten you. Though you be hidden to man, you are not hidden to your Heavenly Father. He knows where you are, and He knows why you are there. Your grocery list is written on His heart.”

(Ray Pritchard)

“Baal was supposedly the god of nature, and here, God was demonstrating His authority over nature. If Elijah ever entertained any doubts about the final outcome of this battle against Baal, he must have seen them all fly away with the flapping of those ravens’ wings.”

(Robert Ellsworth)

- ◆ **Often Circumstantially: Dry the Brook Became**
  - ◆ **His Prophecy – I Spoke**
  - ◆ **His Problem – I Suffer**

### **God Guides Us Strategically: So That We Follow Him**

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “Arise, go to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.”

(1 Kings 17:8-9 NKJV)

- ◆ **To Form Our Character**

I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

(Philippians 4:12-13 NKJV)

- ◆ **Perhaps to Seek Him More Directly**

- ◆ **Perhaps to See Him More Deeply**

- ◆ **To Further His Cause**

“The idea of missions in the Old Testament is that the nations would be drawn to Israel’s God through observing His people. Israel was to be a light in a dark world.”

(Raymond Dillard)

“But to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, *in the region* of Sidon, to a woman *who was* a widow.” . . . So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.

(Luke 4:26, 28-29 NKJV)

*God has promised to guide us certainly,  
sufficiently and strategically.  
We are privileged to trust Him,  
praise Him and follow Him.*

(Pastor Dave)