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In the Christian faith, the resurrection is the foundation of a faith that symbolizes God's infinite power and infinite love for mankind. There are many accounts of the resurrection in the Bible, the most important of which is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. According to the Bible, three days after Jesus Christ was crucified and buried, God resurrected Jesus by His power, thus confirming His divinity and plan of salvation for mankind. This event is not just a miracle in history, it is at the heart of the Christian faith.

The significance of the resurrection is not only to transcend the end of life, but also to demonstrate to mankind the power of God and His love for mankind. It gives people hope and confidence in their future lives, enabling believers to steadfast in their faith in God's promises in the face of difficulties and challenges. The power of the resurrection is also embodied in the daily lives of Christians, motivating them to live a life that is in harmony with God's will in anticipation of the future with the Lord on the day of the resurrection.

In prayer, Christians often ask God for His grace and strength to bring peace and comfort to the troubles of the world. They believe that God is a loving Father who hears and answers their prayers. Therefore, when people feel tired, restless, or confused, they can open their hearts to God and commit their worries and troubles to Him, trusting that He will give peace and comfort.

Through prayer and Bible revelation, Christians seek intimacy with God in order to receive guidance and comfort in their journey through life. Prayer is not only a way of communication, but also an expression of faith and an attitude to life. In prayer, Christians surrender everything they have to God, trusting that He can perform miracles in their lives and soothe and comfort their hearts.

There are many resurrection passages in the Bible, including the Old and New Testaments. Here are some of the main chapters:

### Old testament:

Elijah's resurrection of the widow's son: 1 Kings 17:17–24

Elisha's resurrection of King Hagar's son: 2 Kings 4:8–37

Wood in the Dead Sea: 2 Kings 6:1–7

Ezekiel's vision of dry bones: Ezekiel 37:1–14

New testament:

Jesus resurrected Lazarus: John 11:1–44

Jesus resurrects the daughter of Jorus: Matthew 9:18–26, Mark 5:21–43, Luke 8:40–56

The Apostle Peter Resurrects Dorcas: Acts 9:36–43

The Apostle Paul Resurrects the Son of Enya: Acts 20:7–12

These verses demonstrate God's power and love, and through the miracles of the prophets, Jesus, and the apostles, they reveal God's infinite power to mankind and express salvation and care for mankind. These stories also became one of the foundations of the Christian faith, strengthening their faith in the resurrection and eternal life.

Faith is a strength that can give people courage and hope, especially when faced with life's adversities and challenges. In the Christian faith, the doctrine of the resurrection symbolizes the power of God and his infinite love for mankind. If God can raise the dead, then He will be able to solve all our problems.

Life's problems often make people feel helpless and hopeless, but when we look at it through the lens of faith, we are able to see God's promises and grace. God's power is not limited to creation and resurrection, but He is also a manifestation of His love and wisdom in every moment of our lives. No matter how difficult or difficult the problems we face, we can trust God's promises that He will open a way out for us at the right time.

God's solutions may not always go according to our expectations or schedules, but His plans are always the best. Led by faith, we can learn to surrender everything we have to God, trusting that He will be there when we need it most and lead us down the path to victory and success. God is with us even when we are in trouble, giving us the strength and courage to face challenges because He is a loving Father who will never forsake us.

Therefore, as we face the adversities and challenges in our lives, let us seek God's help and guidance with faith and a firm heart. He is able to raise the dead, and He is able to manifest His power in our lives to solve all our problems. Let us trust in His promises, rely firmly on His wisdom and love, walk with God, and bravely meet life's challenges.

# We pray together

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for showing us Your infinite power and love so that we can trust You every step of our lives. Thank You for your help and guidance in our difficult and challenging times, so that we can experience Your wonderful work.

Today, we come to You especially to thank You for the power You have demonstrated in our lives. Thank you for opening the way for us to find a way out of our difficulties, and thank you for showing us the way forward in the midst of confusion. Thank You for providing for our needs and satisfying our wants, and for strengthening us in our weaknesses and strengthening us in the midst of our challenges.

Lord, we thank You for the magnitude of your power, beyond our comprehension. Ask You to continue to show Your love and grace in our lives so that we can feel Your presence and care at all times. Help us to face all that life has to offer with thanksgiving, so that our lives can be a testimony of Your power so that people can see our good deeds and glorify Your Father in Heaven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

## 1 Kings 17

- 17:1 And Elia the Tispy, the sojourner of Gilead, said unto Ahab, By the God of Jehovah, whom I serve, that if I had not prayed these years, there would be no dew and no rain.
- 17:2 And the words of Jehohua came unto Eliah, saying,

- 17:3 Go east from here, and hide yourself by the brook Girith, on the east side of the Jordan.
- 17:4 Drink from the brook, where I have commanded the ravens to feed you.
- 17:5 So Israel did as Jehovah had said, and went and dwelt by the brook Cirith on the east side of the Jordan River.
- 17:6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and evening, and he drank the water from the brook.
- 17:7 After some time the stream dried up because the rain did not fall on the ground.
- 17:8 And the words of Yahweh came to him and said,
- 17:9 Arise and go to Zarephath in Sidon, and dwell there. I have commanded a widow there to feed you.
- 17:10 So Elijah arose, and went to Zarephath. When they came to the gate, they saw a widow gathering wood there, and Eliah called to her, saying, "Take some water from a vessel and give it to me to drink."
- 17:11 And it came to pass, as she went to fetch water, that Eliah called unto her, saying, Bring me some bread also.
- And she said, I swear by thy God who lives forever, I have no bread, but a handful of flour in the altar, and only a little oil in the jar. I am now looking for two sticks of wood and will come home to make bread for me and my son. if we eat, we will die.
- 17:13 And Elijah said unto her, Do not be afraid. Do as you say. Make me a loaf of bread first, and then bread for you and your sons.
- 17:14 For thus saith the God of Jehova and Israel, The face of the altar shall not be reduced, and the oil in the jar shall not be short until the day when Jehohua causes rain to fall on the earth.
- 17:15 And the woman did as Eliah had said. She and her house, and Eliah, ate many days.
- 17:16 The fruit of the jar is not diminished, nor is the oil in the jar short, just as Jehovah said by Eliah.
- 17:17 After this, the woman who was the mother of the house, and her son was sick. He was so sick that he lost his breath.
- 17:18 And the woman said unto Eliah, O man of God, what have I to do with thee? Art thou come to me, and cause God to remember my sins, that my son may die?
- 17:19 And Israel said unto her, Give thy son unto me. So Eliah took the child from the woman's bosom, and carried her into the building where she lived, and laid her on his bed.

- 17:20 And he said unto the Lord, O Lord of the Lord, I sojourn in this widow's house, and wilt thou bring evil upon her, and cause her sons to die?
- 17:21 And Israel fell upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, saying, O God of the Lord, let the spirit of the child remain in his body.
- 17:22 Jehohua answered Eliah's words, and the spirit of the child remained in his body, and he lived.
- 17:23 And Eliah took the child down from the upper room, and went into the house, and gave it to his mother, and said, Behold, thy son lives.
- 17:24 And the woman said unto Eliah, Now I know that thou art a man of God, and that the words of the Lord by thy mouth are true.

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## Some important verses from 1 Kings 17:

- 17.1-7: Elijah's story begins. God commanded him to declare a famine to Israel, and then he was taken to a distant place to take refuge until God commanded him to return to Israel again.
- 17.8-16: Elijah finds refuge in the home of a widow in Sidon. When she ran out of flour and oil, God appeared to Elijah so that his flour and oil would never run out until the famine ended.
- 17.17-24: This section tells of Elijah's resurrection of the widow's son after his death through prayer and action to God.

The stories in this chapter emphasize God's power and faithfulness. Although Israel suffered from famine and political chaos, God still appeared to Elijah and other faithful people to provide them with protection and support. This chapter also shows the mission of Elijah, who was God's

spokesman and was often called to perform important tasks and received God's blessings as they accomplished them.

First Kings 17 tells the story of the prophet Elijah, which is a dramatic and instructive chapter. In this chapter, Elijah was commanded by God to come to the valley east of the Izibal River, and through him God proclaimed the judgment of drought on Omrikiah, king of Judah. In the valley, God instructed Elijah to bring him food and to find a poor widow to miraculously help her and her son through difficult times. Here are the main ideas of this chapter and what you can learn from reading it:

### Central:

The central idea of this chapter is to describe the story of the prophet Elijah in the valley of the Izibal, emphasizing God's provision for faithful servants and the power of miracles, and also showing judgment against kings and nations who disobey God.

# After reading:

God's Provision and Protection: In this chapter, God miraculously provided food for Elijah and protected him during the drought. At the same time, God also showed God's provision and protection for his faithful servants by helping the poor widow through Elijah.

Faithful obedience: Elijah was a faithful and obedient prophet who did God's will and delivered God's judgments and blessings. This reminds us that as followers of God, we should be faithful and obedient to God's will and preach God's truth and love.

God's judgment: In this chapter, Elijah pronounces God's judgment to King Omrikiah of Judah, and a drought strikes because the king and the people have broken God's commandments. This reminds us that God is righteous and that there will be judgment for disobedience to God.

The True God: In this chapter, God reveals His miracles and power through Elijah, which affirms that He is the only true God with unparalleled power and authority.

Overall, 1 Kings 17 presents the story of the prophet Elijah in the valley of the Izibal, emphasizing God's provision for faithful servants and the power of miracles, as well as the

judgment of kings and nations who disobey God. This chapter reminds us that God is just, providing for and protecting those who are faithful and judging those who disobey Him. We should be faithful and obedient to God, trusting in His power and promises, and preaching His truth and love.