



H2Oh!

# Everyday FAITH Family Page

## Law/Gospel

Because of sin, the world is often wicked and hostile, and I experience suffering because of it. **But even during these times, God is with me, pouring out His love for me in Christ and graciously providing for my needs.**

## Bible Words

[God says,] "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God."  
Isaiah 41:10

## The Big Picture

The kingdom of Israel divided after the reign of David's son Solomon.

- The Davidic line, which culminated in the birth of Jesus, continued with one tribe in the Southern Kingdom of Judah.
- The ten tribes of Israel's Northern Kingdom kings were not connected to David. Most of these kings worshiped idols.
- The Levite tribe, assigned to be priests and temple workers lived in designated areas among the other tribes.

## H2Oh! Survival: Elijah at the Brook Cherith

1 Kings 17:1-6

God called Elijah to be His prophet during the reign of King Ahab in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. "Ahab did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him" (1 Kings 16:33).

Ahab learned to worship idols and the true God at the same time from his father Omni. (No, not good.) Omni gave Ahab in marriage to Jezebel, the daughter of the Sidon king. This political alliance delivered peace and economic prosperity, but Jezebel brought hundreds of false prophets to Israel. Ahab even built a Baal temple.

The Lord sent Elijah to confront and show Ahab his sin. Elijah delivered God's intent to send a drought so severe that even dew would not appear. The king did not like the message, but he did not repent.

God sent Elijah into hiding by the brook Cherith (17:3). While Israel suffered because God poured out His wrath on Ahab, God protected and cared for Elijah. God showed mercy by sending Elijah ravens to deliver bread and meat each morning and evening. God continued to give Elijah mercy and protection, even when he complained and doubted.

## God Gives Us Daily Bread Too

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to rely on our heavenly Father for daily bread. Jesus said, "Do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:31-33).

Through His blood shed on the cross, Jesus provides us with the forgiveness of sins that sustain and nourish us for this life and the next.

## Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, give us daily bread, forgive our sins, and bind us to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

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