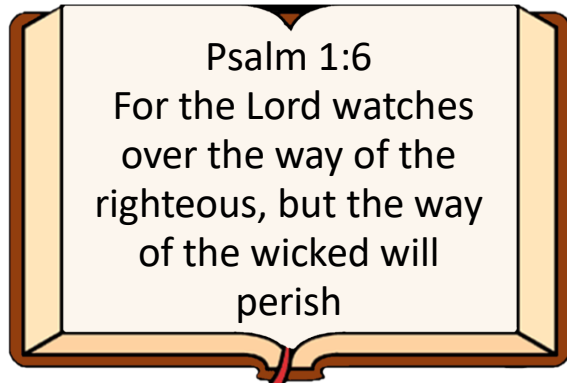


## Weekly Memory Verse



Who does the Lord watch over? \_\_\_\_\_

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What will happen to the wicked? \_\_\_\_\_

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1 Kings 16-17 Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Elijah Tells God's Message to Ahab



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King Ahab was the most evil and disobedient king that Israel ever had, and he sinned against God in many ways. Ahab married Jezebel. She was a strong worshiper of the false god Baal. She asked King Ahab to build a temple and a huge statue to Baal in Samaria. Many hundreds of people became priests of Baal and they led the people in worshiping this false god.

But God did not give up on them. He loved them, even though He hated their sinful ways. He would have to punish their sin if they did not turn to Him. God chose named Elijah to talk to Kind Ahab.

God gave Elijah a message for King Ahab. Elijah stood before Ahab and told King Ahab that there was going to be no rain or dew in the land of Israel for many years. Without rain, the land would dry up and there would be no food.

King Ahab was furious. He became angry with Elijah and sent soldiers throughout the land to hunt for Elijah. But God protected Elijah because Elijah had chosen to obey God.

God sent Elijah to the Cherith Ravine, east of the Jordan River and hide there. Elijah obeyed. There were no houses or towns near the ravine—it was well hidden. Every day Elijah had water to drink from the brook. God sent ravens to bring bread and meat to Elijah every morning. God took care of Elijah when the rest of the country was drying up and the people were starving!

Circle the correct answer.

The ravens brought Elijah (*milk and cereal, meat and bread, cheese and wine*).

After a time even the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. But God was right there with Elijah.

God spoke to Elijah again, “Go to the town of Zarephath and stay there. I have commanded a widow to provide food for you.”

When he came to the town gate of Zarephath, he saw a widow gathering some sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little jar of water to drink? And please bring me a piece of bread.”

The widow immediately recognized Elijah as an Israelite and said, “As surely as the Lord your God lives, I don’t have any bread; I only have a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering these sticks for a fire to make the last bit of bread for my son and me. After that we will die because we will have no more food.”

Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and make bread for you and your son. But first make a small loaf for me. This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour and the jug of oil will not run out until the day the Lord gives rain on the land.’” The widow did just that and there was food for Elijah and the widow and her son every day throughout all the years of the famine. During all that time the oil and the flour never ran out. Elijah stayed at the widow’s home for many months in his own private room. God had kept his promise to Elijah once again.

True or False

God took care of Elijah and the widow and her son. \_\_\_\_\_