



MATTHEW 6

The Lilies of The Valley

Miracle of Elijah - Oil Jar

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Many are aware that their situation is like that of the widow of Zarephath, and ready prepare themselves for their spiritual death.

They resign themselves to living their lives without joy, power or sparkle. They live their faith without expectation, just waiting to die.

But Elijah gave the widow a list of instructions to prevent the oil from running out.

Elijah gave the widow had to do with maintaining a correct attitude. "Don't be afraid," he told her (1 Kings 17:13).

The widow at Zarephath had to stop believing that she and her son were going to die. She had to free her mind of negative thoughts and unbelief.

Elijah's second recommendation addresses priorities. When the woman told him her problem, Elijah had an interesting response: "Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son" (1 Kings 17:13).

The word first is significant. Elijah appears to be insensitive. Although he knew that this poor widow had little food, he asked her to provide food for him first. But in doing so Elijah was applying a basic principle for receiving YHVH's blessing.

This principle does not just apply to our finances, but to everything else in our life. Do you want blessings in your family life, your studies, your vocation, your profession, your relationships and your ministry? Then apply the priorities principle.

Surrender to YHVH, who doesn't owe anybody anything, will give you what you need and even more. Consecrate your life to YHVH. Let Him be the most important thing in your life.

Try to place yourself in the widow's situation. You are in the midst of a catastrophic national crisis. Because of a drought, there is no food.

All you have left is a handful of flour and a little oil in a jug. All you can do is eat and then die.

But suddenly, someone appears and tells you, "Before you and your son eat, give me something." What would you have done? What would you have said?

When the Potter places His hands on you and molds you as His jar, He fills you with oil so you can be a blessing to others. Disobedience ruins the jar and causes the oil to spill.

Elijah told the widow to go home. YHVH was going to do an amazing thing in her life, and she needed to be at home.

The believer has to understand the importance of time alone with YHVH. Anointed men and women who have been raised up by YHVH in each generation have been those whose prayer lives were rich and consistent.

Prayer must be a daily practice for every believer. We must be alone with Him as much as possible, not only to seek more of Him but also to see our anointing increase.

In 2 Kings we read that Elisha also performed a miracle of provision for a widow. In this case, it was a prophet's widow. Her husband had revered YHVH, but he had died, and there were debts to pay.

Since she didn't have the means to pay, the creditor wanted to take her two sons as his slaves. When Elisha asked what she had in her house, she answered, "Your servant has nothing there at all... except a little oil" (2 Kings 4:2).

Elisha told the widow what to do with the jar of oil--but his instructions sounded strange and a bit ridiculous: "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars.

Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side".

Asking the neighbors for oil instead of jars would have made a bit more sense to me. The oil was valuable and negotiable and therefore could have provided money to pay the creditor, whereas the jars had very little value.

But Elisha ordered her to ask for jars! For the anointing not to run dry, we have to share it. So many believers spend their time praying for more anointing, more oil. But YHVH is telling them, "Don't ask for oil; ask for more jars. If there are more jars, I will pour more oil, and the oil of My anointing will never cease."

The Word says that the widow's jars became filled with oil. The sons kept bringing more jars, and instead of running dry, the oil kept on flowing, filling more and more jars. It ceased to flow when there were no more jars to fill.

The oil of the anointing will cease when you stop finding jars with which to share your blessings. As long as there are new jars to hold the Holy Spirit's oil, the anointing will go on.

The jars the widow needed had three characteristics: They had to be borrowed from the neighbors, they had to be empty and they had to be not "just a few" (v. 3). If you ask for jars and not just oil, YHVH will send you people to minister to and bless.

All of a sudden you will start seeing people in a new way; the Holy Spirit will show you needs that lie deep in their hearts. You will be able to minister to them in a specific way, and the anointing will go with you and increase in you. The only time the oil runs dry is when there are no more vessels to fill.

The Potter formed you and made you into a jar. When you are filled with the oil of the Spirit, you bless those around you. If you are feeling as hopeless as the widow of Zarephath, do not allow your spiritual life to die but be open to receive a new anointing.

If you have asked for oil, you have received Elohim's anointing already. Share your anointing

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