

The Great Provider

2 Kings 4:38-44

1. Protection from a _____ Supply (v. 38-41)

- a. _____ amidst the consequences of sin
 - i. A famine from the _____ (8:1)
 - ii. _____ from the LORD (Dt. 28:38-40)
- b. _____ from a servant in the church
 - i. Seeking to _____ the need
 - ii. Preparing to _____ to the people
 - iii. Using the provisions _____
 - iv. Trusting that the supply is of the _____
- c. _____ to consider the circumstances
 - i. Eight uses of the term “to _____”
 - ii. Every day battle to put _____ on the table
 - iii. Extra difficulty of feeding a “_____”
- d. _____ “life” into the pot
 - i. Why the “sign” of the _____?
 - ii. Why this story in the Scriptures?

2. Provision with an _____ Supply (v. 42-44)

- a. _____ for the remnant
 - i. Commandment of the _____ (Ex 23:19)
 - ii. Faithfulness of a farmer in a _____ land
- b. _____ of the LORD
 - i. Not the promise – God will _____ supply
 - ii. The promise – More than enough _____
 - iii. The fulfilment – _____ as the LORD said
- c. _____/_____ in the Bible
 - i. Elisha’s _____ of feeding 100
 - ii. Jesus’ _____ of feeding over 5000
 - iii. Remnant supplied the _____ of life

The best of the firstfruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God.

Exodus 23:19a

But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you...

You shall carry much seed into the field and shall gather in little, for the locust shall consume it. You shall plant vineyards and dress them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes, for the worm shall eat them. You shall have olive trees throughout all your territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil, for your olives shall drop off.

Deuteronomy 28:15,38-40

And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Deuteronomy 8:2-3

Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.

1 Kings 19:18

Follow-Up Quote

“Verses 42-44 are not a promise that Yahweh will without exception supply believers with daily bread in all circumstances, natural as such a generalization may seem. Rather the text is simply teaching that whatever Yahweh promises will be so. Food is brought, but it is not enough, but Yahweh says it will be more than enough. If Yahweh says that what is deficient will be sufficient, even abundant, then it will be so. Second Kings 4 puts me back in the Deuteronomy 8:3 situation. It doesn’t guarantee me immunity from need or even starvation. Rather it means that I stand beside the manna-seeking Israelite that Wednesday morning and say, ‘I will eat today, if I eat, because Yahweh has decided that I will have enough.’”

(Dale Ralph Davis, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*, 2005, p. 82-83)