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**Topic: Who Giveth Life?**

Scripture text: 1 Kings 17:8-24

1. God sufficiently provided for Elijah during the famine by multiplying the food to feed Elijah, the widow and her son (verses 8 to 16). The LORD provides for all that is necessary to sustain our lives on earth and we must trust in His provision and not in our riches to take care of us.

2. The LORD is not only the Sustainer of life, He is also the Source of life. He is the only one who has the power over life and death, not Baal the false god. The widow accused Elijah of causing her son's death with his presence and she was quick to forget the goodness of the Lord through the hand of Elijah (verse 17). Elijah had stupendous faith when he prayed for the resurrection of the widow's son because this was the first record in the Old Testament of the resurrection of the dead (verse 21). God has the power to control life and death and we must not murmur and complain in our trials but seek the Lord humbly for His help.

3. Through the revival of her son, the widow experienced the power of God and acknowledged that only Jehovah is the living and true God because His words came to pass (verse 24). We must all seek the Giver of life to give us spiritual and eternal life. The only way to God is through acknowledging that we are sinners, humbly seek Him to forgive us of all our sins by His precious blood and believing in Jesus Christ quickly. We know that Jesus Christ can give us eternal life because He is the resurrection and the life and those who believe in Him shall never perish (John 11:25-26). All Christians will have eternal life in heaven, hence our focus and priorities on this earth must be heavenly-minded and Christ-centered.