

“SEE, YOUR SON IS ALIVE” . . .
Or the Painful Progress of Faith”
1 Kings 17:17 – 24*

<i>A. THE DEATH OF THE SON</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>B. THE DESPAIR OF THE MOTHER</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>“What do I have to do with you, O man of God?”</i> <i>(cf. 2 Kgs 3:13; Lu 4:34; John 2:4)</i>	
<i>C. THE TAKING OF THE SON</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>D. THE PRAYER OFFERED TO GOD</i>	<i>20, 21</i>
<i>D'. THE PRAYER ANSWERED BY GOD</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>C'. THE RETURNING OF THE SON</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>A'. THE RESTORATION OF THE SON</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>B'. THE INCREASED FAITH OF THE MOTHER</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>“Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD . . . is truth”</i>	

The Mysteries of Providence

The Misunderstanding of Providence

The Power of Prayer

The Potential for Growth, albeit Painful

The Passion of the Prophet

The widow of Zarephath had received unusual blessings, and so the death of her son seems inexplicable. Elijah did not try to explain it but prayed to the LORD, who restored his life.

“He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit or righteousness.” Hebrews 12:10, 11

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