

# **We Must Obey God with Childlike Simplicity**



**1 Kings 17**

- **Review – “Things We Must Do to Shift Properly”**
- **This year is the year of shifting.**
- **Shift – to change; to change the place, position, or direction; to move from one assignment to another.**
- **Goal: to make Jesus Christ clear and visible to the world.**
  
- **Lesson #1 – “Do Not Envy the World”**
- A. The origin of envy came straight from Satan.**
- B. We must be taught not to emulate the world.**
  
- **Lesson #2 – “We Must See God as Our Source”**
- **Resource – that which we resort to for aid and support.**
- **Source – the origin of, the creator of, and the controller of the resources.**
- A. When we see God as our source, we rely on Him.**
- B. When we see God as our source, we focus on Him.**
- C. When we see God as our source, we serve Him.**

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### **1 Kings 17:1**

- **No one provoked God like King Ahab.**
- **Whenever God is doing something new, He is trying to take the believer to a new level.**
  
- **We must be equipped with three things:**
- 1. To obey God with child-like simplicity, you must be born-again.**
- 2. You must know that you are filled with God’s Spirit.**
- 3. You must know that God has your best interest at heart.**
  
- **To obey God with child-like simplicity, I must know:**
- 1. That God speaks to me personally.**
- A. When I read His word.**
- B. When I hear His word.**

**C. When I discern His word.**

- 2. I must know that obedience precedes reward (Verse. 5-7).**
- 3. I must know that God's instructions always include provisions (v. 8-9).**
- 4. I must know that God's instructions to me will always impact and involve the lives of others (v. 10—12).**
- 5. I must know that God always requires me to give out of that which I have, not what I don't have (v. 13-15).**
- 6. I must know that my criticism and my persecution will come from those whom God has sent me to help (v. 17-18).**
- 7. I must know that I cannot permit the criticism and the persecution of others:**
  - A. Change God's original instructions.**
  - B. Change my attitude towards helping them.**