

Food and Water

I Kings 17:1-24

Drought

In the beginning of the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath, Elijah prophesied a drought in the land due to Ahab's and Jezebel's evil. There would be no rain, and so water and food would be scarce. A lack of food pictures a lack of love and goodness. Why? A lack of water pictures a lack of wisdom and truth. Why? Before you answer these "whys" fill in the chart and answer the questions below.

Qualities and Characteristics of Food and Water

It is the qualities and characteristics of something that causes it to picture a spiritual idea. What are the qualities and characteristics of food and water that give them their spiritual meaning?

	Food	Water
Satisfies what?	Hunger	Thirst
Solid or liquid?		
opaque or clear?		
eat or drink?		
odor or not?		
feels like?		
Nutritional value?		
Source of energy?		

1. How long can you live without food?
2. How long can you live without water?
3. Which does the body use up faster—food or water?
4. Which one gives you the most pleasure?

Now answer the following questions:

- Why does a lack of food picture a lack of love and goodness?
- Why does a lack of water picture a lack of wisdom and truth?