

Prayer of a Wounded Parent

A Study of 1 Kings 17:17-24

Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"

"Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. Then he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!"

The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"

Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."

First a parent _____ over a child who strays.

1 John 5:12, **"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."**

Second, a parent's religious _____ does not guarantee protection from losing a child.

Third, a parent can unfairly _____ herself or himself for the loss of the child.

Verse 18, "Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"

Fourth, you must entrust your son or daughter to _____ care.

Fifth, God can _____ your son or daughter from spiritual death.