

Where does our food come from?

- Where did your breakfast come from?
 - work it back to God - whether money, skill to earn, physical crop, people who processed it
- God is ultimate source of all our necessities

There will be nothing (v.1)

- Ahab - bad - 16:30 - Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him
 - context of this whole section of 1 Kings is: who is truly God?
- So God speak through his prophet Elijah
 - (who we meet here for the first time!)
 - and his word is drought
 - devastating...
 - (Global warming? Australia? Even pictures of Hyde Park over last summer?)

There will be something (v.2-4)

- But God provides for his servant
 - degree of trust required - go
 - strange provision - ravens
- God does not leave his own without that which they most truly need to serve him

There was something (v.5-6)

- God's promise comes true

There was nothing (v.7)

- God's promise comes true
- God shows his power (withholding rain, contra Baal, god of plenty) and protects and equips his servant (providing food, contra Baal's opposition)
- What will people's response to this be?
 - (re)turn to God?
 - we wait and see in 1 Kings...
 - but what is our response to the reminder that God is provider of all things?
 - do we trust him - with our tithes?
 - do we trust him - with our livelihood?
 - do we trust him - with our words of truth into other people's lives?