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I Kgs. 17:8

This woman ministered hospitality _____.

II Kgs. 4:8

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I. *What is Hospitality?*

Cordial and generous reception of or disposition toward guests.

A. A Demonstration of _____

Heb. 13:1-2 Let love of the brethren continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

1 Pet. 4:8-9 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

1 Jn. 3:16-19 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him.

*Hospitality carries
the meaning of
showing love
to strangers.*



B. A _____

Meeting peoples' needs (1 Jn. 3:16-19)

*Jam. 2:14-17 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no **works**? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.*

*1 Tim. 5:10 Having a reputation for **good works**; and if she has brought up children, if she has shown hospitality to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has assisted those in distress, and if she has devoted herself to every good work.*

*1 Tim. 6:17-18 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in **good works**, to be generous and ready to share. . . .*

II. *Who are the Participants?*

A. _____

Eph. 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Rom. 12:10,13 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; . . . practicing hospitality.

B. _____

1 Tim. 6:17-18 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.

C. _____

1 Tim. 2:9-10 Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.



III. *Who are the Recipients?*

A. _____

*Gal. 6:10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the **household of the faith.***

B. _____

*Heb. 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to **strangers.***

*I Tim. 5:10 If she has shown hospitality to **strangers . . .***

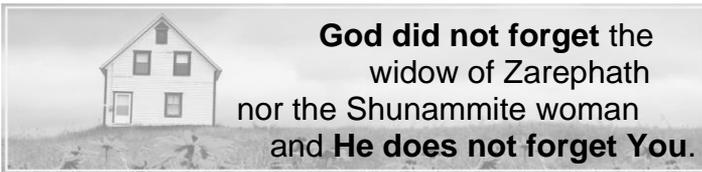
C. _____

1 Pet. 2:11-12 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

IV. *What is the Reward?*

Heb. 6:10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.

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