

## Sermon for 9<sup>th</sup> August 2009, 9:30am Service

We don't often get to hear the Old Testament stories in church, but today's gospel story and the gospel passages over the summer are all about the theme to Jesus being the bread of life, and that is of course, very closely connected with the Old Testament stories of God feeding his people with manna from heaven, and various stories of God feeding the prophets. So I wanted you to hear that wonderful story of God feeding Elijah.

But we're used to snack eating in church. What I mean is that we get little snippets of the great stories of the bible, but we never get to hear the whole story. And by the time next week comes around we've forgotten what happened in last week's installment. One way of counteracting that is to have a good routine of bible reading in our own spiritual life, or to study the bible with others, maybe in a home group. And in fact the daytime Emmaus group is going to be doing just that, starting in September - talk to Margaret Thomas if you want to know more about that, or want to join in with it.

Anyway, today I'm going to tell you the whole story. It's from this wonderful book I've just bought - called *The Book of Books*, which retells the Bible in a very engaging way. So here is the story of Elijah, or a bigger part of it anyway.

*Read Elijah story from Book of Books.*

Now I have just three questions for you to wonder about and to take away with you to ponder this week:

- What makes you want to say 'I've had enough, Lord'?
- What food do you need God to give you to enable you to continue your journey?
- When you go where God wants you to be, what do you think God will say to you?

Blessings  
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