

ELISHA AND THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN

2 Kings 4:8-37

Not only did Elisha minister to the Kings of Israel and the sons or pupils of the prophets, but to the common people as well. Notice this part of his ministry now:

A. The Woman's Actions toward Elisha: Read 2 Kings 4:8-10

1. What did a woman with great possessions ask Elisha to do one day when he went to Shunem? (Locate on a map) 2 Kings 4:8

2. How often did he do this afterward? 2 Kings 4:8b

3. What did the woman and her husband realize after a time? 2 Kings 4:9

4. What did the woman want to do for him? 2 Kings 4:10

B. Elisha's Actions toward the Woman: Read 2 Kings 4:11-17

1. What did Elisha ask the woman after he had enjoyed the comforts of the room which had been furnished for him? 2 Kings 4:13a

2. Could the woman think of anything she wanted? 2 Kings 4:13b

3. What did Elisha's servant Gehazi suggest? 2 Kings 4:14

4. What did Elisha promise the woman after she had been called again?
2 Kings 4:16a

5. Did the woman seem to believe this at first? 2 Kings 4:16b

6. Nevertheless, what happened? 2 Kings 4:17

C. The Woman's Later Contact with Elisha: Read 2 Kings 4:18-37

1. When the child was grown, what happened to him one day when he was out in the field? 2 Kings 4:18, 19a

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2. What happened after he was brought to his mother? 2 Kings 4:19b-20

3. What did his mother then do with him? 2 Kings 4:21

4. What did she tell her husband she planned to do? 2 Kings 4:22

5. What was her answer to him when he asked why she wanted to do this?
2 Kings 4:23

6. What was her answer to Gehazi, when, after probably five or six hours of hard riding,
he asked her of the welfare of herself, her husband, and her child?
2 Kings 4:26

7. After hearing of her trouble, what did Elisha tell Gehazi to do? 2 Kings 4:29

8. Did this satisfy the woman? 2 Kings 4:30

9. What was the result of Gehazi's efforts? 2 Kings 4:31

10. What did Elisha do when he arrived where the boy was? 2 Kings 4:33

11. Then what happened after Elisha had stretched himself over the child's body? 2 Kings
4:34b

1. What happened after he had done this the second time? 2 Kings 4:35

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What might the Shunammite woman have missed if she had not shown kindness to
Elisha? (See Hebrews 11:35a; 13:2, Ephesians 4:32)

2. Am I always careful to show my appreciation for the kind things which are done for
me? What about kindness' received recently?
(See Romans 12:10)
