

GOD'S MASTERPIECE

And she said to her husband, "Behold now, I know that this is a holy man of God who is continually passing our way.

Let us make a small room on the roof with walls and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that whenever he comes to us, he can go in there."

2 Kings 4:9-10
(ESV)

LESSON 17

God Blesses the Blessor

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God Blesses the Blesser

2 Kings 4:8-37,
8:1-8

WHAT IS THE BACKGROUND?

- A. Who was **Elisha**?
- B. Who chose Elisha to be the **successor**?

"God seeth not as men seeth, neither doth He choose as men because they are fit, but He fits men because He hath chosen them."

Puritan Quote

WHO WAS THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN?

- A. What do we **know** about **her**?
 1. She was a woman of **means**.
 2. She had a **love** of God's Word.
 3. She had a heart of **hospitality**.
 4. She had a **practical** spirituality in her home.
- B. She had **blessed** and now was to be blessed.
 1. She was **content** in spite of her circumstances.
 - a. What were her **circumstances**?
 - b. What was her **reply**?
 2. She chose a **grateful** heart.

WHAT DID GOD DO?

- A. God blessed her without her **asking**.
- B. There was rich **mothering** in her home.
 1. She cared **lovingly** for her son.
 2. She chose the **best** for him.

- C. She had a **bold** faith.
 - 1. She did not **give** up.
 - 2. She **trusted** God.

WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME OF HER FAITH?

- A. Elisha begins with **prayer**.
- B. He does **whatever** it takes.
- C. What were the **joyful** results?

WE SEE OBEDIENCE WHATEVER THE COST.

- A. It was **immediate**.
- B. It was without **argument**.
- C. She responds with **strength** in time of crisis.
 - 1. She uses **wisdom**.
 - 2. She takes **action**.

GOD IS ALWAYS IN CONTROL.

- A. God's **providential** Hand.
- B. A divine **appointment** in God's divine design
- C. The **end** of the story

"God is quite capable of guarding the rights of the marginalized and weak."

Greg Haslam

- 1. What **happened**?
- 2. What was the **divine design** for this "Masterpiece", the Shunammite woman?
 - a. She **ministered** greatly to God's servant.
 - b. She was and is an **example**.

IN SUMMARY...