

HELPING THE HELPLESS

2 Kings 4:1-7

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As kings battle against one another in dramatic fashion (2 Kings 3), there is a nameless needy widow in Israel whom most would have overlooked. However, God compassionately hears her cries and meets her needs abundantly. Our God faithfully helps the helpless. Do you feel overlooked, needy, helpless, or worried about the future? Second Kings 4:1-7 shows us how we can turn to and trust in God who listens and provides for his own.

I. Desperately Cry Out to God (v. 1)

- A. He hears the God-fearer (v.1b)
- B. He hears the widow & orphan (Deut. 10:18, Psalm 68:5, 82:3, Isaiah 1:17, James 1:27)
- C. He hears the needy & ordinary (Psalm 18:6, 34:6, 61:1-2, 77:1-2, 86:1-7, 142:1-2)

II. Boldly Put Your Faith in God (vv. 2-5)

- A. An honest faith (v.2)
- B. A willing faith (vv.3-4)
- C. An obedient faith (v.5)

III. Humbly Accept the Provision of God (vv. 6-7)

- A. He provides abundantly (v.7)
- B. He provides physically (Luke 12:22-34, Philippians 4:19)
- C. He provides spiritually (Ephesians 3:20-21, Colossians 2:14)

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY OR FRIENDS:

1. What needs do you have that you can cry out to God about? How can you discern the difference between your legitimate needs and your selfish greed?
2. How has God provided for you physically and spiritually? Have you praised God recently for these provisions?

FOR NEXT TIME—2 Kings 4:8-37, *Our Ultimate Enemy Defeated*