

II Kings 6-8 – 29 September 2022

“Dominance Of The Spiritual”

Introduction

*These books demonstrate that a king’s allegiance to God’s Law was the key to success & protection

*We’ve seen Elisha used on a national scale and we’ve seen Him care for the individual

*Today we examine the power with Elisha – the H.S.

*Like Elisha, we too walk with God by faith, empowered by His Spirit

*There’s only one person that can come on the scene and just dominate the conversation & experience

*It’s the Holy Spirit of God

*As Christians, we want to be controlled by God to perform His good will & see amazing things happen for God’s glory

***So today, here’s 5 ways to know that you’re cooperating with God’s dominating Spirit to perform His good will**

1st way to know you're cooperating is that you're showing kindness (Chap 6:1-7)

Read Chap 6:1-3

1. Even amongst an ungodly nation the poor godly can thrive & grow in size and influence

Read Vs 4-6

1. This was a clear miracle, throwing the stick was just a point of faith
2. God's compassion for the poor & godly

Read Vs 7

1. By asking in faith, God, in His kindness, does part that we can't do, but we have to do our part

2nd way to know you're cooperating is that you're asking God for wisdom & influence (Chap 6:8-33)

Read Chap 6:8-13

1. By the mind of God, Elisha warns Israel of the Syrian attack positions.

- a. Israel has bad leadership, but it's God's grace that prevents them from falling under even worse subjection
2. Syria learns there no physical spy in the land, but there's a *spiritual spy* in the picture
 - a. By God's power, we can have great saving influence on our town and nation

Read Vs 14-17

1. The physical army is nothing compared to the *spiritual army*
2. The call of God to "fear not" is based on the real substance of the spiritual realities around us

Read Vs 18-23

1. Elisha, by the hand of God, redirects the Syrian army into humility & astonishment
2. Elisha tells the King of Israel to treat them as prisoners of war with grace and send them home
3. Blindness allowed the Syrians to see the power & grace of Jehovah God – we need to do this

Read Vs 24-29

1. Desperate siege & famine b/c of Israel sin and independence from God
2. God prophesied this would happen
 - a. Read Deut 28:52-53
 - b. Passage is most directly about Romans 70AD
 - c. Passage was certainly fulfilled many times

Read Vs 30-33

1. In vs 31 the king is wrongly mad at the prophet instead of Israel's sin
2. In vs 33 now the King expresses that his real anger is against the Lord for not helping
3. God will use calamity to get us to repent of sin

3rd way to know you're cooperating is that you're sharing & growing in your faith (Chap 7:1-20)

Read Chap 7:1-2

1. The prophesy of provision and the officer's unbelief in God's Word & work

Read Vs 3-4

1. They figure their best chance at survival is to go ask mercy of the Syrians

Read Vs 5-7

1. God made the enemy flee w/ just noise!

Read Vs 8-12

1. Lepers do good in sharing good news, but the king thinks it's a trap, even w/ Elisha's prophecy!
2. Should have believed the prophecy (Elisha/OT) and the leper forerunners (lepers/John the Baptist)

Read Vs 13-15

1. Like Philip saying to Nathaniel "Come & see", it's the only sensible thing to do

Read Vs 16-20

1. Officer was denied blessings of God, not b/c blessings weren't available, but b/c of his unbelief
2. Circumstances work so the faithful are blessed

4th way to know you're cooperating is that you're waiting for God's timing & planning (Chap 8:1-15)

Read Chap 8:1-3

1. Notice it's still her, not her husband, that the prophet is dealing with. God deals w/ the faithful
2. Coming back, their land has been taken

Read Vs 4-6

1. God's timing. Wow!
2. God uses even time to make all things work together for the good to those that love Him & are called according to His purpose

Read Vs 7-10

1. Be such a servant of God, that all men know they can turn to you in times of distress
2. Elisha instructs Hazael, the Syrian, that the king would recover of this but die later
3. Jesus: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city the stones the prophets, I would have gathered..."

Read Vs 11-15

1. Easy to see sin in others, much harder w/i self
2. Notice, Elisha isn't happy or excited that he knows this calamitous prophecy
 - a. Remember this regarding the days we're in
 - b. Exp: Red Heifer – Not a good thing Israel is preparing a Temple to institute false worship
3. God knows what actions sinful people will take, but doesn't mean He's making them do it

5th way to know you're cooperating is that you're choosing supernatural over the nature (Chap 8:16-29)

Read Chap 8:16-24 - *Reign of Jehoram in Judah*

1. Jehoram had a godly father, but his heart was evil – each have a choice
2. II Chr 21 tells us that at ascension, he killed all his bros & instituted false worship in high places
3. God wouldn't destroy Judah for His promise to King David, but he targets Jehoram w/ an incurable disease that he dies at 40 years old

Read Vs 25-29 - *Reign of Ahaziah in Judah*

1. Jehoshaphat was a good king, but he allowed his son Jehoram to marry Ahab's daughter Athaliah, so now the Queen Mum is wicked
2. Instead of purification, Judah is getting infiltrated by ungodliness
3. So Neither Jehoshaphat's son, King Jehoram, nor his grandson, King Ahaziah, chose faith in our supernatural God
 - a. But instead leaned on their own thoughts

Conclusion

So, do we have the marks of being controlled by the Holy Spirit of God from within?

1. **Are we showing supernatural kindness?**
2. **Are we asking God for wisdom & influence?**
3. **Are we sharing & growing in our faith?**
4. **Are we waiting for God's timing & planning?**
5. **Are we choosing supernatural over natural?**