Oh Lord, Open Our Eyes! Elisha

God's Message in the Miracle

The Miracles of God Confirm the Word of God

Elisha Recognized as The Prophet

The sons of the prophets recognized Elisha
Elisha's deeds showed he was from God
Thus, saith the LORD: The Word of the LORD

The Man of God and Miracles

Do men of God still perform miracles today?

1 Corinthians	1 Corinthians	1 Corinthians	1 Corinthians	Romans	Ephesians	1 Peter
12:8–10	12:28–30	13:1–3	13:8–9	12:6–8	4:11	4:10–11
(AD 55) ⁵	(AD 55)	(AD 55)	(AD 55)	(AD 56)	(ca. AD 61)	(ca. AD 64)
 Utterance of wisdom Utterance of knowledge Faith Gifts of healing Working of miracles Prophecy Distinguishing between spirits Various kinds of tongues Interpretation of tongues 	 Apostles Prophets Teachers Miracles Gifts of healing Helping Administering Various kinds of tongues Interpretation of tongues 	 Tongues Prophecy Knowledge Faith Giving 	 Prophecy Tongues Knowledge 	 Prophecy Service Teaching Exhorting Generous contributions (giving) Leading Mercy 	 Apostles Prophets Evangelists Shepherds / teachers 	 Speaking Serving

Gifts of the Spirit

Superna	tural Sign	Speaking	Serving	
Revelatory	Confirmatory	speaking		
 Apostleship 	 Healings 	 Evangelism 	Service	
 Prophecy 	Miracles	 Teaching 	 Showing mercy 	
 Discerning of spirits Word of wisdom Word of knowledge Tongues Interpretation of tongues 	• Tongues	 Pastor- teacher Exhortation 	 Giving Administration Helps 	

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- Do not undersell or overplay miracles

The Miracle that Sets the Stage for Elisha

- The ministry opportunity is a great one
 The ministry opportunity is full of difficulties
- Salvation comes from the message <u>NOT</u> the miracle

Elisha's Rejection as the Prophet

The wicked heart of Bethel and her people
God's judgment against those who reject His Prophet
The Spiritual Equivalency in Rejection

Jesus and His Miracles

Jesus' miracles affirm His words
Jesus' miracles affirm His mission
Jesus' miracles affirm His identity

Jesus' miracles are decisive evidence for all time of who he is and what power he has.

J. I. PACKER

I never have any difficulty believing in miracles, since I experienced the miracle of a change in my own heart.

Augustine of Hippo

The greatest of all miracles is the salvation of a soul.

CHARLES SPURGEON

Open your eyes, see the message of the miracle – Repent and Believe the Word of the Gospel