

The SECOND Book of KINGS

Chapters 4 & 5

Chapter 4 - “Elisha & the Miracles of God!”

(v1-7) The widow, the creditor and Elisha.

(v1) A creditor and your debt (O.T. - Leviticus 25:39-40).

(It’s been said that we owe a debt we cannot pay, that is the penalty for our sins, but our Lord Jesus paid a debt he did not owe; he is sinless, yet he paid the ultimate price for our sins, he redeemed us with his precious blood. Thank you Lord!)

(v2-7) Elisha and the “oil of plenty!” (In scripture oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit.)

> **Three lessons to draw from:**

Lesson #1 - God PROVIDES for us! - Matthew 6:25-34

Lesson #2 – Be PERSONAL with others! - James 1:26,27

Lesson #3 – PROPHECY and you! - Matthew 25:1-13

(v8-37) Shunammite Woman - Good deeds - New life – Death - He lives again! (JESUS raised Lazarus, Jairus’s daughter, the widow’s son! Jesus will raise you - John 14:1-3 - *“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”*)

(v38-44) Bad stew- DEATH IN THE POT! Many false teachers are careless with the Word of God and produce death in the pot! A true teacher of the Word of God maintains “sound doctrine” and brings life to the multitudes!

(Titus 1:7-9 - *For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.*)

Chapter 5 - “Elisha & the Healing of Naaman”

(v1-14) The healing of Naaman- two fold- leprosy & pride!

(JESUS healed the lame, the blind, the deaf, the sick, the leper, the prideful!)

(v15-27) The sin of Gehazi- “Greed!” - 1 Tim 6:9-12 - *But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

(Cp. - Acts 8:14-25- God not greed!)