

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 8) 24 July 2Kings 01-05 God Heals
- 9) 31 July 2Kings 06-08 God Provides
- 10) 07 Aug 2Kings 09-12 God Honors

INTRODUCTION

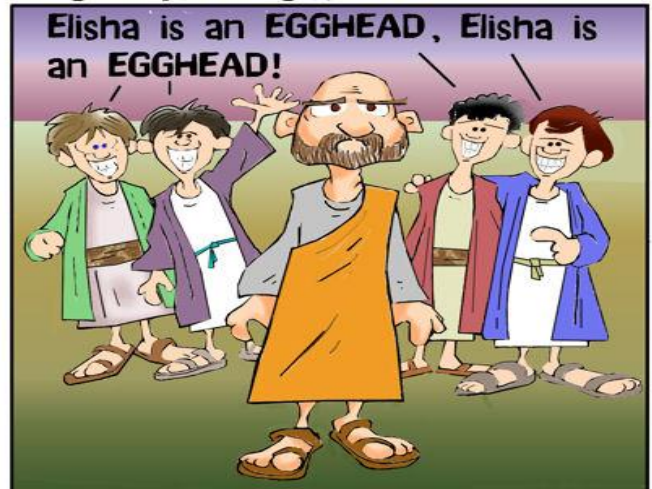
- Who do we go to first when we have a problem: the bank loan officer, the medicine cabinet, food & drink, or God?
- When is it godly to be bullheaded and stubborn?

Passage	Comments
2Kings 1:1-18	<p>The lesson of King Ahaziah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-3. 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you go to inquire of another god? For this you shall die!' ♦ How often do people seek help from other sources before they seek God's help (e.g., bank loans, alcohol, drugs, gambling...)? ♦ We should all learn to seek God's solution first
2:1-25	<p>Elisha's Boldness – 'Give me a Double Portion'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv6-11. Elisha is bullheaded about not leaving Elijah and ends up receiving twice the power of the Spirit (see comparison table of miracles to the right →) ♦ Are there just reasons to be stubborn and bullheaded to serve God?.....e.g., 'be not weary in well doing' ...and consider how bold Jesus & Paul were. They didn't give up till they were crucified & stoned. • vv23-24. Teenagers were unruly even then. Lesson to learn – Never mistreat or even despise a man of God. Judgment will come sooner or later..... Deut 17:12
3:1-27	<p>The Enemy of My Enemy is My Friend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-10. The kings of Judah (Jehoshaphat) and Israel (Jehoram) unite to combat Moab • vv11-19. Jehoshaphat wants confirmation from Elisha on whether or not to fight Moab ♦ v15. Was music used as a magical elixir? It was probably used to focus Elisha's mental state to better hear from God much like we use music for thoughtful or meditative worship.
4:1-44	<p>Elisha's Miracles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-7; 38-41. Jars of oil & poison stew are addressed • vv8-37. Elisha is credited with granting a Shunammite woman with a child and resurrecting that child ♦ Would Elisha-type miracles today change people's hearts? Recall what Jesus said..... Luke 16:31 • vv42-44. Principle of giving your tithe elsewhere when your church is wicked. It seems OK to give your tithe to another godly source. Here a man brings his tithe (per God's directive) to feed the people directly ♦ Recall, male cult prostitutes worked and even lived in God's Temple during this time 1Kings 15:12
5:1-27	<p>Naaman's leprosy causes him to accept God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-10. Elisha doesn't give Naaman due respect, but tells him go wash 7x in the Jordan river • vv11-16. Naaman's belligerent attitude almost prevented him from getting healed, but he had a habit of heeding good advice from others, even if they were different from him (1st his slave girl, then his servant) – & so should we • v17-19 Naaman commits himself to God – BUT he had to continue living in a godless nation. Elisha's comment "go in peace" conveyed God's forbearance with Naaman's situation. What a merciful God we serve.

NEXT WEEK: 2Kings 6-8. Elisha's miracles continue...

Wondrous Activities Attributable to Elijah		
1	Caused the rain to cease for 3 1/2 years	1Ki 17:1
2	Fed by ravens	1Ki 17:4
3	Miracle of the barrel of meal and cruse of oil	1Ki 17:14
4	Resurrection of the widow's son	1Ki 17:22
5	Calling of fire from heaven on the altar	1Ki 18:38
6	Causing it to rain	1Ki 18:45
7	Prophecy that Ahab's sons would all be destroyed	1Ki 21:22
8	Prophecy Jezebel would be eaten by dogs	1Ki 21:23
9	Prophecy Ahaziah would die of his illness	2Ki 1:4
10	Calling fire from heaven upon the first 50 soldiers	2Ki 2:10
11	Calling fire from heaven upon the second 50 soldiers	2Ki 2:12
12	Parting of the Jordan	2Ki 2:8
13	Prophecy Elisha would have a double portion of his spirit	2Ki 2:10
14	Being caught up to heaven in a whirlwind	2Ki 2:11
Wondrous Activities Attributable to Elisha – Twice as Many		
1	Parting of the Jordan	2Ki 2:14
2	Healing of the waters	2Ki 2:21
3	Curse of the she bears	2Ki 2:24
4	Filling of the valley with water	2Ki 3:17
5	Deception of the Moabites with the valley of blood	2Ki 3:22
6	Miracle of the vessels of oil	2Ki 4:4
7	Prophecy the Shunammite woman would have a son	2Ki 4:16
8	Resurrection of the Shunammite's son	2Ki 4:34
9	Healing of the gourds	2Ki 4:41
10	Miracle of the bread	2Ki 4:43
11	Healing of Naaman	2Ki 5:14
12	Perception of Gehazi's transgression	2Ki 5:26
13	Cursing Gehazi with leprosy	2Ki 5:27
14	Floating of the axe head	2Ki 6:6
15	Prophecy of the Syrian battle plans	2Ki 6:9
16	Vision of the chariots	2Ki 6:17
17	Smiting the Syrian army with blindness	2Ki 6:18
18	Restoring the sight of the Syrian army	2Ki 6:20
19	Prophecy of the end of the great famine	2Ki 7:1
20	Prophecy the scoffing nobleman would see, but not enjoy	2Ki 7:2
21	Deception of the Syrians with the sound of chariots	2Ki 7:6
22	Prophecy of the seven-year famine	2Ki 8:1
23	Prophecy of Ben-Hadad's untimely death	2Ki 8:10
24	Prophecy of Hazael's cruelty to Israel	2Ki 8:12
25	Prophecy Jehu would smite the house of Ahab	2Ki 9:7
26	Prophecy Joash would smite the Syrians at Aphek	2Ki 13:17
27	Prophecy Joash would smite Syria thrice but not consume it	2Ki 13:19
28	Resurrection of the man touched by his bones	2Ki 13:21

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



.. Elisha went up to Bethel. As he was walking some youths jeered at him. "Go on up, you baldhead!..." He turned around, and called down a curse on them in the name of the Lord. Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled 42 of the youths. **II Kings 2:23-24**
RULES TO LIVE BY: Don't trash talk bald men of God.

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS:

- We may not be able to work or receive miracles like Elisha's, but we can still seek, worship, and serve a mighty God while in a fallen world