

## **Series: Major Bible Events**

### **Title: Elijah & Elisha: Big Prayers to a Big God**

- I. **Elisha would not be discouraged!** (2 Kings 2:1-14)
  - a. **Vs 2** Elijah repeatedly asked him to tarry behind.
    - i. *“Stop now, what a waste of time.*
    - ii. *You have all the blessings you need.*
  - b. **Vs 3, 5, 7** The “Brethren” Tried to discourage him.
  - c. **Vs 8-9** The Blessing came on the Other Side: **Pray Through!**

### **II. Elisha saw Miracles of Elijah, Knew it was God Possible**

#### **Elijah’s Miracles**

- a. Elijah Fed by Ravens: (1 Kings 17:1-6)
- b. Widows Meal & Oil Replenished Daily: (1 Kings 17:8-16)
- c. Elijah Raises the Widows Son: (1 Kings 17:17-23)
- d. Fire consumes the offering: (1 Kings 18:36-38)
- e. Fed by an angel: (1 Kings 19:5-7)
- f. Calls down fire to consume captain & 50 men: (2 Ki 1:9-12)
- g. Divides the waters of Jordan (2 Kings 2:8)
- h. Elijah goes to Heaven in a Whirlwind (2 Kings 2:11)

#### **Elisha’s Miracles**

- i. Parts the Waters of the Jordan (1 Kings 2:14)
- j. Heals the water with Salt (2 Kings 2:21-22)
- k. Curses 42 children & are attacked by bears (2 Kings 2:23-25)
- l. Country filled with **water** (2 Kings 3:16-20)
- m. Increase of Widow’s Oil (2 Kings 4:1-7)
- n. Birth of son to Barren Shunamite woman (2 Kings 4:8-17)
- o. Resurrection of the Shunamite Woman’s Son (2 Ki 4:18-37)
- p. Heals noxious pottage (2 Kings 4:38-41)
- q. Feeds 100 men with 20 Loaves (2 Kings 4:42-44)
- r. Naaman’s Leprosy Healed (2 Kings 5:1-19)
- s. Commands Leprosy on his servant (2 Kings 5:20-27)
- t. Makes the lost axehead to swim (2 Kings 6:5-7)
- u. Opens his servant’s eye to see the host of Fire (2 Ki 6:13-17)
- v. Blinds the Syrian Army (2 Kings 6:18-20)
- w. God scatters the Syrian Army: (2 Kings 7:1-16)
- x. Man resurrected by touching Elisha’s bones: (2 Ki 13:20-21)

**(2 Kings 2:9) Elijah was not insulted by this, but rather delighted that Israel had not been left without a Faith Filled Prophet! God was not Insulted, but delighted in being Believed.**

#### **God wants us to Pray BIG Prayers**

1. (Ps 81:10) Shows His credentials of the 10 Plagues & Red Sea.
  - a. (Mal 3:6) Still the Same God!
  - b. (James 4:2) We have little because we ask Little.
2. (Jer 32:27) *Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?*
3. He wants to convince us of His ability! (Jer 33:3) *Call unto me & I will answer thee & shew thee great & mighty things which thou knowest not*
4. Ask Big Things: (Matt 17:20) *If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; & it shall remove; & nothing shall be impossible unto you.*
5. Believe BIG Things: (Mk 9:23) *Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.* (“All Things”)
6. (Matt 21:21-22)
7. (Eph 3:20-21) Greater than our Imaginations!

#### **III. Big Prayers Glorify God by displaying His Great Power!**

*(1 Ki 18:38-39) Then the fire of the LORD fell & consumed the burnt sacrifice & the wood & the stones & the dust & licked up the water that was in the trench. & when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces & they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God*

#### **IV. Big Prayers Prosper God’s Work!** (John 14:12-14)

- a. **ANYTHING MEANS ANYTHING!!!!**
- b. **Anything** means reaching into the Supernatural for a miracle!
- c. **(Mark 16:15-18) Definitely Involves Miracles**
  - i. Vs 17 Not just the Apostles, but all believers!

#### **V. Big Prayers Get Christians what they Need!**

- a. (Ps 81:10) *“open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it”*

***Do our prayers match the Size of Our God?***