

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE PROPHET ELISHA

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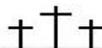
PART 3: LIVING IN THE SUPERNATURAL

THE SUPERNATURAL

- As we look upon the many miracles in Elisha's life, it looks like a forerunner to Jesus Christ. **Matthew 15:32-39**
- Elisha no longer questioned if a miracle could be done, he simply flowed in the Holy Spirit. **2 Kings 4:42-44**

GOD ELEVATES ELISHA ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE

- The fame of Elisha spread into Syria and God was going to prepare a healing for the General of the Syrian army. **2 Kings 5:1-4**
- God gave the King of Syria enough faith to send his General to Israel to seek a healing. **verses 5-6**
- King Joram of Israel was a wicked king and knew that he had no healing power, and instead of seeking God, he panicked and tried to make a political move to get out of his dilemma. **verse 7**
- Elisha sent word to the king and told him to send the leper to him (**verse 8**). This was a bold move on the part of Elisha to show his disciples and the political leaders that he was a man of God, but he refused to meet Naaman in person and instead send a servant to the door telling the mighty military leader what to do. **verse 10**
- Naaman was offended and ready to go back to Damascus with his disease rather than humble himself before the living God. **verses 11-12**
- Naaman's servant was a wise man, he gave his master a soft answer that persuaded Naaman to humble himself and obey. **verse 14**
- Once healed, Naaman became excited as he realized that none of the gods of Syria could deliver like the God of Israel! **verse 15**
- Elisha did not charge for the work God had performed and refused to take anything from Naaman. **verse 16**
- Naaman then had a strange request since he knew that the God of Israel was the God of all creation and that there was no one else. Instead of quitting his job with the King of Syria, he tried a compromise. *"Dear prophet, receive this material to offer a sacrifice for me, but pardon me in advance so that God will forgive me when I will have to go into the house of Rimmon."* **verses 17-19**
- This was an "eternal moment," which can be defined as an event which demands a decision that will only occur once in a person's life, and one in which Naaman's eternal fate was decided. He was offered eternal life with God forever but he traded that for another few years as the military



commander of the Syrian army. Naaman rode off into the sunset to live in power and pleasure, he did not know that he would just be another footnote in history on earth, and at the Great White Throne Judgment he will be sentenced to the Lake of Fire. Naaman has now been in hell for some 2,700 years, screaming in agony over his foolish decision. Let's read what Jesus had to say about people like Naaman. **Matthew 10:31-39**

- The Spirit of greed overpowered Gehazi, as he just could not see all those riches moving away, and he tried to justify his feelings using the name of God. **verse 20**
- Once Gehazi had been taken over by the Spirit of greed, it was followed by Spirits of lies. **verses 21-23**
- When Gehazi came back to the compound where Elisha and his disciples lived, he took the silver and garments from Naaman's two servants and hid it. **verse 24**
- Then Gehazi went to meet Elisha and again he lied boldly without hesitating. **verse 25**
- The judgment of God fell on Gehazi, not only was a curse placed upon him, but also upon all his descendants forever. **verses 26-27**
- Gehazi had his "eternal moment," but the spirit of greed took away his eternal life with God. The silver and the garments do not exist any more, Gehazi has now been in hell for some 2,700 years crying and repenting, but there is no mercy for him now. Instead he will be sentenced to the Lake of Fire because he sold his eternal life with God for some garments and silver. **Revelation 20:10-15**
- Judas Iscariot sold his eternal life with God for 30 pieces of silver. **Matthew 27:1-10**
- Ananias and Sapphira sold their lives for some money which does not exist any more. **Acts 5:1-11**

How much do you value your eternal life? What value do you place upon your position in the Kingdom of God here on earth but also in eternity? Can you be bought with what the Satan has to offer? 1 Peter 5:6-9

Do you have an ear to hear with?