

## **2 KINGS 4:32-38– ELISHA RAISES THE SHUNAMMITE’S SON!**

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### **HE LIVES – Alan Jackson – Dallas Christian Adult Choir**

*I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today. I know that He is living, whatever men may say. I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer and just the time I need Him He's always near*

*Refrain: He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives?*

*He lives within my heart*

*In all the world around me I see His loving care and though my heart grows weary I never will despair. I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast. The day of His appearing will come at last. (Refrain)*

*Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King. The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find none other is so loving, so good and kind. (Refrain)*

### **2 Kings 4:8-37 - The Shunammite woman**

Two miracles are recorded here: God gave the woman a son when her husband was old, and God raised the boy back to life when he was stricken. Shunem was about seven miles from Carmel. Elisha passed by the house often; he was finally invited in to break bread with the husband and wife. We see here that the prophet (unlike Elijah) was socially inclined. We may have here a parallel with John the Baptist and Christ: John was like Elijah, living alone; but Christ was like Elisha, visiting homes and enjoying meals with the people. The woman had true spiritual values, for she made a special room on the roof for the visiting prophet — a “prophet’s chamber.” To reward her, God gave her a son. But the son was stricken in the field (sunstroke?) and taken home dead. However, the mother did not despair; she immediately set out for Carmel to find the prophet. She would not deal with the prophet’s servant Gehazi, and when the servant tried to raise the boy, he failed. This may be because of the covetousness that was already in his heart and that showed itself later (2Ki 5:20). Note that Gehazi even tried to get rid of her (2Ki 4:27; see Mat 14:15 and Mat 15:23). Elisha himself had to make the journey to raise the boy. 2Ki 4:34 is a beautiful illustration of the effort and love it takes to win a soul, for Elisha “died” with the boy as he prayed for him. See 1Ki 17:21.



### **Elisha Raises the Shunamite’s Son!**

**2Ki 4:32** When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed.

**2Ki 4:33** He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD.

**2Ki 4:34** And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm.

**2Ki 4:35** He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

**2Ki 4:36** And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite woman." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Pick up your son."

**2Ki 4:37** So she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground; then she picked up her son and went out.

**SUMMARY:**

- The woman had great faith in going immediately to Elisha, about 15 miles away, not wasting time by telling her husband why she was going. Time is of the essence when we hear from the Lord to go!
- Elisha sees the woman coming in a real hurry. Notice he is surprised the Lord hadn't told him the problem. How closely in tune was Elisha with the Lord that he is surprised when he didn't know!
- V.28 The woman stresses her great disappointment that the son, not asked for, had been given and then taken away!
- Elisha gives his staff and sends Gehazi quickly to resuscitate the child, while Elisha and the woman, who refuses to be separated from Elisha, follow. Gehazi can't bring the son to life.
- Elisha arrives. He first prays! He stretches himself on the child repeatedly! Life is restored!
- Elisha as had Elijah before, grown strong in faith by prayer and a study of God's providence
- When great tragedy occurs, we need to immediately go to the Lord, asking, seeking and knocking and not stopping until we are told or given evidence from the Lord to do so!

**"AMAZING GRACE" – Newton – Billy Graham Choir**

*1 Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.*

*2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.*

*3 When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun*

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