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2 Kings 4:8-37 NKJV

8Now it happened one day that Elisha went to Shunem, where there *was* a notable woman, and she persuaded him to eat some food. So it was, as often as he passed by, he would turn in there to eat some food. 9And she said to her husband, “Look now, I know that this *is* a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly.

10Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there.”11And it happened one day that he came there, and he turned in to the upper room and lay down there.

12Then he said to Gehazi his servant, “Call this Shunammite woman.” When he had called her, she stood before him. 13And he said to him, “Say now to her, ‘Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What *can I* do for you? Do you want me to speak on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?’ ”She answered, “I dwell among my own people.”

14So he said, “What then *is* to be done for her?”And Gehazi answered, “Actually, she has no son, and her husband is old.”

15So he said, “Call her.” When he had called her, she stood in the doorway. 16Then he said, “About this time next year you shall embrace a son.”And she said, “No, my lord. Man of God, do not lie to your maidservant!”

17But the woman conceived, and bore a son when the appointed time had come, of which Elisha had told her.18And the child grew. Now it happened one day that he went out to his father, to the reapers.

19And he said to his father, “My head, my head!”So he said to a servant, “Carry him to his mother.” 20When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died.

21And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, shut *the door* upon him, and went out. 22Then she called to her husband, and said, “Please send me one of the young men and one of the donkeys, that I may run to the man of God and come back.”

23So he said, “Why are you going to him today? *It is* neither the New Moon nor the Sabbath.”And she said, “*It is* well.” 24Then she saddled a donkey, and said to her servant, “Drive, and go forward; do not slacken the pace for me unless I tell you.”

25And so she departed, and went to the man of God at Mount Carmel.So it was, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to his servant Gehazi, “Look, the Shunammite woman! 26Please run now to meet her, and say to her, ‘*Is it* well with you? *Is it* well with your husband? *Is it* well with the child?’ ”And she answered, “*It is* well.”

27Now when she came to the man of God at the hill, she caught him by the feet, but Gehazi came near to push her away. But the man of God said, “Let her alone; for her soul *is* in deep distress, and the Lord has hidden *it* from me, and has not told me.”28So she said, “Did I ask a son of my lord? Did I not say, ‘Do not deceive me’?”

29Then he said to Gehazi, “Getyourself ready, and take my staff in your hand, and be on your way. If you meet anyone, do not greet him; and if anyone greets you, do not answer him; but lay my staff on the face of the child.”

30And the mother of the child said, “*As* the Lord lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So he arose and followed her. 31Now Gehazi went on ahead of them, and laid the staff on the face of the child; but *there was* neither voice nor hearing. Therefore he went back to meet him, and told him, saying, “The child has not awakened.”

32When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. 33He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the Lord.

34And 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. 35He 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.

36And 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.” 37So she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground; then she picked up her son and went out.