

THE UTTERMOST THING IS TO KNOW HIM IN THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION !

(This can not come without loss, suffering, without the imprint of the cross ...on me.)

Php 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

ELIJAH & ELISHA relationship portrays the N. T. relationship between Christ & the Church.

Elisha actually does the 2nd part of Elijah's ministry. The spirit of Elijah comes upon Elisha. Elisha operates in the room of Elijah. It is the anointing of Elijah that comes upon Elisha in a double portion.

1Ki 19:16Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

2Ki 2:15 ...the spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha

Helps explain why Elijah appears on the Mount of Transfiguration!

Christ and his Church.

Greater works than these shall you do... The Church operates in the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Church has **no particular purpose, but to fulfill the ministry of Christ on a larger scale**, ... a double portion scale.

The Church's purpose and function is to complete the ministry of Christ; just as the Spirit of Elijah rested upon Elisha to complete his ministry.

The ministry of Christ before Calvary & the resurrection compared with the ministry of Christ after Calvary & the resurrection through the church.

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Elijah illustrated the Ministry of Jesus Christ....

While the ministry of Elisha illustrates the Ministry of the Church.

What is the ministry of Christ after the resurrection suppose to look like in the church?

Watch how the resurrected, Holy Ghost filled Life of Christ is to operate in the life of the body of Jesus Christ, the church of his resurrection, **...Elisha illustrated it.**

Elijah's ministry ended at the River of Jordan.

The passing through Jordan represents death and exiting death with Resurrection Life.

Elijah and Christ both left this world after passing through Jordan (death) and coming out of death-Jordan, ... a resurrection.

Elisha ministry begins at the Jordan River ...his ministry of Elijah's 2nd portion.

He goes into death, burial, & resurrection at the Jordan on his own. Elisha walked with Elijah or is identified with Elijah's baptism that brings an end to his ministry.

But, **identification with Elijah (Christ) is not enough.**

Elisha must have his own baptism of death, burial, and resurrection.

That was Elisha's beginning. That is where the Church begins the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Death & Resurrection are elements which are played out in the Old Testament characters over and over.

They are brought into outward or even inward circumstances surrounding death ...literally, ...emotionally, ...spiritually, etc. Their character has to live out Christ's Death & Christ's Resurrection. The whole plan of God is based on the **loss-to-gain** or **death-to-resurrection** life ...parallels. It has and always is a **resurrection of the dead**, ...never of the living.

Life coming out of Death & Life Victorious over Death is lived out by these characters.

Their life carries them into places of death. We see them dying to their hopes, dying to their dreams, dying to their desires, their will, their abilities, their honor, their self, their pride, ...some or all aspects of their self-life. We see this death and resurrection,... new-life relationship.

LIFE comes OUT of TRAVAIL, ...ANGUISH, & DEATH EXPERIENCES

- See it in ...Noah & the Ark ...
- See it in ...Abram & Sarah's Barren-ness
- See it in ...Isaac : on the altar
- See it in ...Jacob : Emptying & Wrestling at the Jabbok river
- See it in ...Joseph : His Imprisonment
- See it in ...Moses : His Exile to 40 yrs of Desert living
- See it in ...Samson : Blind & Weak & yet anointed

ELIJAH & ELISHA..... the "RESURRECTION LIFE" from "DEATH" principle

Think of Elisha as a living illustration of the Ministry of Jesus Christ in His Church, His Body in the power of His Resurrection. We saw what it did and how it lived out of the New Testament believers in the book of Acts. But, **this same resurrected life principle is illustrated in numerous Old Testament characters.**

"TARRY HERE"

Natural mind of the world around resounds with this refrain. But, a separated, sanctified, set-apart spirit of Elisha answers everytime, ... No, I will not leave! Even the voice of the current ministry of the religious schools chime in harmony with the world.

"IT ALL BEGINS AT JORDAN"

After they crossed, Elisha was asked the question. His response was a Godly, Righteous response. **His task would be to display and represent the life of resurrected power of His Master, Elijah.**

Scripture does not show that Elijah had ever crossed Jordan until that day.

Elisha is identified with Elijah's crossing of Jordan. It is all accomplished in Elijah's Anointing. Christ Jesus' public Ministry essentially ended at his death & resurrection. The mantle of Elijah falls upon Elisha. Elisha smites the Jordan imploring the Lord God of Elijah. Now on his own, by himself, he enters Jordan (death) and comes out unto a New Life Ministry which will demonstrate the resurrection life which God has for Christ's Church.

ELISHA'S WALK & MINISTRY CONTINUOUSLY FACED DEATH

...always demonstrating the victorious power of the life of the resurrection. Elisha always ministers to **that-one-thing** that each person or each circumstance LACKS. The churches Holy Ghost Resurrected Power Life of Christ is always overcomes that one thing LACK.

It is always in the FACE of the IMPOSSIBLE.

It began at Jericho, in the days of Joshua, ...the natural circumstances are too much to overcome. Thus it began, and continues.

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2:15-18

They did not go in and out of Jordan. They have not the power of the spirit life of another. Carnal mind is death and enmity against God.

THE SPRING OF WATERS 2Ki 2:19-22

We live in a place of death ... can you help us. Elijah didn't help them.

Water is naught, the ground is barren New cruse & salt ...healed the death

ISRAEL, JUDAH, & EDOM to fight Moab 2Ki 3:8-27

Enemy comes in Conflict.

All is lost. Defeat & Death are imminent. Dig ditches. No wind or rain. No "sense" evidence.

CREDITOR COMES FOR WIDOWS 2 SONS 2Ki 4:1-7

Ministry school experience is always inadequate in face of death. Lose her sons.

She has a little. But needs the Resurrection Power Life to come upon it.

Resurrected Life gives her, the church, the ability to decide the level of her deliverance.

Oil of the Spirit flows as long as empty vessels are available.

THE SHUNAMITE WOMAN 2Ki 4:8-37

A woman of affluence without obvious need.

Two births. 1st... A son, a miracle or nature?

2nd...A resurrection life in face of death! No doubt

DEATH IN THE POT 2Ki 4:38-41

Prophet school lacks discernment of what is healthy for folks.

Meal, ...Christ, heals the death in the pot.

FEEDING OF THE MULTITUDE 2Ki 4:42-44

Shall I set this before 100 people? Do it. There shall be food left over.

Death overcome by Life.

HEALING OF NAAMAN 2Ki 5:1-27

A natural man to whom God does not give one provision of the flesh, ...Self.

Obedience and humility to the 7th degree.... Just as at Jericho on the 7th day.

AX-HEAD MIRACLE 2Ki 6:1-7

Elisha's (Churches) resurrected power life has already conquered Jordan (death) and has the ability to reverse the natural course of things. The Iron floats. Reverses Physics !

SYRIAN ARMY TRUMPED BY ELISHA 2Ki 6:8-23

Fore-Knowledge and warning by the Resurrected Spirit of Christ is part of our inheritance as we walk in the Spirit. Ability to see, the invisible armies, to see what others can not.
(Paul, prisoner on a ship ... in the end has the wisdom of deliverance)

FAMINE OF SAMARIA & Benhadad 2Ki 6:24 – 7:20

Death and Starvation diverted by the living word. No crops. Just sent the enemy with their food.

SHUNAMITE'S ESCAPE TO PHILISTIA FROM FAMINE for 7 years 2Ki 8:1-3

Obedied beyond her concern for all she had. Death overcome by the Word of Life.
Gods providence returns it all when it is time. Holy Ghost Resurrected Life of Christ overcomes all impossible situations that may arise.

ARROWS OF DELIVERANCE 2Ki 13:14-19

Elisha speaks, brings life in the face of his death.
Enemy overcome by the hand of Resurrected Life upon us.
The extent of deliverance is in the churches, ...the individual's hands.

ELISHA'S DEATH IS FILLED WITH LIFE 2Ki 13:20-21

Even in death, there is resurrected Holy Ghost Power Life.
The dead man lives again, resurrection, from the bones of Elisha.