

Observations on an Outpouring

Text: 2 Kings 4:1-7

4:1 She appealed to God (albeit through the Man of God)

- Don't run with your problems to those who can do nothing good about them.
- Some people really need a social media "WARNING" button that asks "Are you REALLY sure you want to post that here?"
- She appealed on the basis of Relationship. "Your Servant/My Husband" Even "you know that he feared the LORD" is a relational testimony, not one of works. Likewise we are to appeal our cases to God on the basis of Relationship – NOT MERIT.
- BUT NOW = SHIFT How many of you understand that "shift happens?" Also understand here that the creditor [Life] legitimately comes to collect. But the enemy desires to take advantage of even legitimate situations. The enemy is actually after Legacy, Heritage, and Destiny. He desires to compromise or disengage and disempower what Spiritual DNA has that Potential and Assignment to manifest. Someone needs to say right there, "He's after more than just me."

4:2 How can I help you?

- When God asks how He can help, He's actually inviting you to participate in the miracle that you need. (Compare Jesus, who often asked, "What can I do for you?")
- HINT: "What do you already have in your house?"
- First Response: "I have nothing." Second Response: "Except..."
- If you will make an "exception" to your usual negative and undervaluing assessment of your situation, God stands ready to perform an Exceptional Miracle that will bless your entire household.

- NOTE: The oil is ALREADY “in the house!” 😊

4:3 Not a few

- Go out and borrow capacity from those who are already established (“neighbors”).
- Borrow as much capacity as possible, because this outpouring is going to be phenomenal.

4:4 “I’m going in!”

- Some of what you desperately need (and which God wants to give you) will require you to enter the “Inner Sanctuary of the House” and shut the door behind you. This isn’t anyone else’s business. They will eventually know what God has done for you, but now is not the time!
- Understand that there is an anointing (oil) ALREADY in your “house” that you have perhaps undervalued, underestimated, or even forgotten. But it’s time to GO IN so that God can POUR OUT!

4:5 She followed instructions.

- She did exactly what the LORD had instructed her to do.
- She engaged her household in the miracle of their own deliverance. They brought the vessels and she filled them.
- For some people, deliverance and freedom will ONLY be realized as they PARTICIPATE in the plan that God has ordained for them.
- Don’t blame God if you choose not to participate! And to you ministers, don’t suffer those who refuse to participate in the plan of God for their own deliverance and freedom. They will come with a laundry list of reasons why they “can’t” participate ... Too silly ... Doesn’t make sense ... Lazy ... Believe their way is better, etc.

4:6 Enlarge your capacity.

- NOTE: Some miracles are proportionate to the CAPACITY you have made available to God. Remember, “not a few.”

4:7 Consult the LORD even when...

- Even after the miracle has been received, consult God for further instructions and obey them.
- Don't assume you can "take it from here."
- Take care of business and enjoy the Abundant Blessing of God upon your Life.

BE BLESSED IN JESUS' MIGHTY NAME! 😊