

THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN –
“NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED”

2 Kings 4:8-36

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1. God's Power Rewards Service With Blessing (vv. 8-18)

Romans 12:13 ^(NLT) – When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

1 Peter 4:9 ^(NLT) – Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.

Some notes about Biblical hospitality:

📖 **She didn't grumble.**

📖 **She didn't do it for any reward.**

📖 **She did it out of love for God.** (v. 9)

Mat. 25:40, 45 ^(NCV) – ⁴⁰ “Then the King will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, anything you did for even the least of my people here, you also did for me.’

⁴⁵ ‘I tell you the truth, anything you refused to do for even the least of my people here, you refused to do for me.’

Ephesians 3:20 ^(NIV) He is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

2. God's Power Brings Hope in Bereavement (vv. 18-28)

Shalom – peace – “It's all right.”

“I believe in the sun even when it's not shining. I believe in love even when not feeling it.

I believe in God even when he is silent.” ^{anonymous}

“When peace like a river attendeth my soul,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, It is well with my soul.” ^{Horatio Spafford}

3. God's Power Answers Prayer with New Life (vv. 29-37)

Bill Gothard's Vision, Death of a Vision, Vision...

📖 **Gehazi's Failure**

📖 **Elisha's Victory.**

A Truth to Remember: God delights to bless those who delight to serve.

A Challenge to Consider: Are you willing to persevere, to keep coming back to God, even when you can not see the results you were hoping for? Are you willing to believe, even when you cannot understand?

One thing I heard this morning was...

Next Wk: UZZIAH – IF YOU THINK YOU ARE STRONG... (2 Chr. 25:25-26:23)