

Elisha Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Have you been called to succeed someone who has been very successful, whether secular or spiritual?

How do you feel when the responsibility is transferred to you?

Was it presumptuous for Elisha to ask for a “double portion”?

Does this imply that we, too, can ask for miraculous powers?

How would you feel if you started to experience the ability to perform miracles (by God’s power)?

What is the danger you face?

Might there be modern day Christians who have experienced real miracle-working power but then fell into false teaching?

Was the widow, after she was miraculously given a son only to have him die, justifiably angry?

Would it have been difficult for Elisha to maintain his own faith when faced with the complaint that he had just messed things up?

Might it have been a temptation to give Naaman special treatment because of his status and the strategic importance of peace with Aram?

Does this emphasize the importance of following the LORD’s directions completely and not trying to tweak them or over-think it?

What was the real tragedy of Gehazi’s actions?

Was Gehazi’s faith strengthened when he was shown the heavenly army invisibly protecting the city?

Imagine the stories Ben-Hadad’s troops told when they were stuck blind, led into the city as captives, then fed and sent home?

How do you think Ben-Hadad reacted when his whole army fled in disarray thinking the Egyptians were coming?

Did he have a fair chance to repent before he was murdered by Hazael?

What do you think about the “undocumented expectations” of getting as many victories as the number of times you strike the ground with the arrows?

Is it easy to estimate the value of a person’s ministry by the numbers? (conversions, miracles, etc.)