

Do We See What God Sees?

Text: II K. 6: 15-23

Intro

1. Perhaps one of the most overlooked nuggets in the Bible is the prophet, Elisha.
2. By definition his name means salvation.
3. By direct decree was appointed to succeed ^{W. Hyndon} ~~the~~ ^{W. Hyndon} Elisha in the office of prophet & was given a double portion of Elisha's spirit.
4. As a result → Elisha was a man of many miracles
5. ^{W. Hyndon} Seemed to have ~~been~~ ^{been} part of the power of Christ → at Elisha's command supernatural things happened.
6. In the name of the Lord:
 - 1) Power of our nation →
 - (1) ~~Healed the salt water at~~
 - (1) Returned to point ~~water~~ ^{water} of Spring of Jericho
 - (2) Revived a poisonous plant that was being cooked in food prepared for the people

- (2)
- (3) Made an arrowhead ~~using~~ float.
 - (4) Fed 100 men meals 20 bags, loaves & few ears of corn.
 - (5) Told Naomah to walk in Jordan → water contained healing power of God.

2) Power ~~was~~ of dominion at a multiple level.

(1) Informed K. of Israel of the movement & intention of the Syrian army.

(2) Predicted a booming economy in Samaria even though war was coming → come to pass as predicted.

(3) Predicted the birth of a son to a Shunammite woman → later prayed for the boy's restoration to life after he had died → God raised him up.

(4) Informed Rehoboam of the spirit of his oppressor, David, who rejected as he said.

3) Power in death → when he died a ~~man~~ dead man's bones were shown with clubs & torus → returned to life.

5. All we can say about Eliza →
 power to see what God sees.
- 1) Surrounded by Sycors
 - 2) Gahoni saw the army → death + destruction
 - 3) Eliza saw the army of heaven → life + victory.
6. Whole point of the Holy Spirit in us → see what God sees.
- 1) Messy of Christ: Jn. 16: 7-16.
 - 2) Messy of Paul: Ephesus journey.
7. Problem is → misinterpret.
- 1) Doctors + son stony →
 - 2) Little boy + picture of God
 - 3) you won → beats + fails.
8. Eliza saw what God saw.

I. Supernatural possibility beyond natural ability

1. Vener 15-17 (Elizabeth)
 2. Point is → our evil is God's good.
 3. Power to overcome → Rev. messy.
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| 1) <u>Moey</u> | 3) <u>Friend of Job's</u> |
| 2) <u>Goodness</u> | 4) <u>Exile</u> |

II. Strategic purpose of the piece to copy.

not useful
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3 pieces
or, where

1. Verses 18-20 (Egypt)
2. People is a lifestyle → natural fact of living → Christ to us. → any.
3. Del's purpose to copy → lost story.
4. When people pray, scenarios:

Special
Opportunity

III. Spiritual purposes of the answer to conflict.

1. Verses 21-23 (Egypt)
2. Paradoxical report →
3. Rom. 12: 19 ff.
4. Del's W.W.II Christmas trees

5. Del's Minutes at Christmas: →

greatest gift of all → forgiveness

Come Tea Room

6. Mediocrity is:

- 1) Use of only 40 strings on a harp of 1,000 strings.
- 2) Using locomotive pump to do public work.
- 3) " incandescent light to light a candle.
- 4) " eagle's wing to flutter like a sparrow.
- 5) " only one manual on a 3 manual organ.
- 6) " pip organ duble to play a toy piano.
- 7) " steam shovel talent to do teaspoon work.
- 8) Salomon Gundy.

- (1) Born on Monday
- (2) Christened on Tuesday
- (3) Married " Wed.
- (4) Taken ill " Thurs.
- (5) Wound on Fri.
- (6) Died on Sat.
- (7) Buried " Sun.
- (8) That was the end of S. Gundy.

1. Ps. 8:3 →
Out of the mouth
of babes & sucklings
hast thou
ordained strength.

We're fearfully, we're wonderfully made. What this really means is that intellectually we have the power to think, to perceive to calculate and in that brain of 10 billion cells He has given us 4 main divisions: The Cerebellum, that maintains posture and balance; The Thalamus that is the message relay center of the entire body; The Medulla Oblongata which controls the involuntary system such as respiratory, breathing; The Cerebrum which is the center of our reality testing, our decision making and our problem solving. No where else has anything else ever been created with such masterful precision. What this really means - that we are created in the image of God - is that we are able to experience, we are able to understand and appreciate. We can experience a whole wide range of emotion - love and hate - joy and sorrow - excitement and depression - fear and anger - exhilaration and exuberance. It means we have the capacity to understand motives to understand meaning to understand purpose of living to stand back and take a look at life and what it's all about that is far above anything else God has ever created. It means we can appreciate the beauty of a rose, the majesty of a sunset, and the glory of a newborn babe, the intricacies of a piece of a music or a masterpiece of art. Anyway you look at it we are fearfully and wonderfully made. But the bottom of that is that if we are created in the image of God we have a three-fold responsibility - and the first of that is to glorify God.

When we talk about goodness as it is used in the Bible it says - Demonstrate the very righteousness of God, demonstrate the moral integrity of God. Demonstrate the intolerance of sin that God has. Demonstrate walking worthy of the Lord. Demonstrate kindness of heart in God's grace. Demonstrate the work of the faith that brings action, brings result - not in lip service - not as men pleasers - not in eye service, but doing the will of God from the heart. And you say that sounds great - that sounds marvelous - I would really like to have a part of my way of living, a part of my spirit-filled life in action all of those actions. Who wouldn't want all of that from God? The righteousness of God, the moral integrity of God, the intolerance of sin, walking worthy of the Lord, the kind of action of faith that really makes us do the will of God from the heart - I'd really like to have that!! But sometimes its so hard. Its so difficult to be good - to live out the goodness of God (?) - You've got to be kidding that just can't be!

Marcus Arrylas who was a Roman

Emperor said, I have studied the Greek and the Hebrew and the dian and nowhere have I found a remedy for jealousy or envy. Its Matthew 27:17&18 when Pilot stepped before the mob and said, "who do you want me to release - Barabus or this man Jesus who is called the Christ?" Because he knew out of jealousy and envy they had delivered Christ to him. But finally it says you have to get rid of malice, deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy if you're going to really feel the goodness of the Lord you have got to weed that garden of kindly slander. Slander means evil speaking, it means recrimination, it means an undisciplined tongue that brings about the depreciation of another person. It is a form of murder. We would never kill anybody in the flesh. We wouldn't take a gun and shoot, we wouldn't take a dagger and stab, we wouldn't give poison to anyone but there is a far better weapon at our disposal and the Bible says it is the most fearful weapon of all and it is the human tongue. And the way we use it - sometimes it is coldly calculated and we can strip a person of his reputation, of his character that he has spend a lifetime building. Sometimes it is just dropping a little trivia that puts the seed of doubt. Sometimes its that racy gossip - Did you hear what I heard?(Are you all still loving me?) It's there isn't it? And isn't that the thing that really keeps us from doing what God would have us to do. Aren't those the things that really get into our craws and keep us from that identity and from the goodness of the Lord?

You can only walk out of the junk of that collage to find yourself when you strive for the highest that's within you. Bill Dooley was a boy who couldn't find himself, his father finally talked him into going to medical school - he had a high IQ - was a good student - but he was bored. One week during the Christmas holidays he came home to the farm and late one night his father - one or two o'clock in the morning heard something in the kitchen - his father went out to see the noise in the kitchen and found his son - 24 year old son - medical school - lying under the kitchen table with a rope tied to the chair leg in the dark - tying knots with his fingers. He thought my poor kid has flipped - he said, what are you doing? He said, Dad I just discovered the human brain and I'm going to be a brain surgeon. I'm practicing tying these knots in the dark to improve my dexterity and manipulation of my fingers so that I can operate on brains. When was it - 1972 perhaps - I can't remember the exact date when Bobby Kennedy was shot - lay dying in a L.A. hospital and they wanted for his personal surgeon to come from Boston. One of the most renown brain surgeons in this world - who was he? He was a boy that lay in the dark under his kitchen table and tied knots at night to strive to achieve the highest.

Well, now I hadn't planned to get this excited about it but I just can't help it. This thing's gotten ahold of me. I don't know about y'all. Are you still there? Everybody still out there?

Well, you say to me, You don't know what bad days I have. You don't know how hard it is. You don't know what I'm going through. You get all enthused' about this. One man told me the other day, he said, "I feel so bad, I'm going to put on my best suit, go down to the funeral home and just sit around in one of their parlors. That is how bad I feel." How to spend a Saturday afternoon!

It's kind of like the grammar school teacher that was trying to get her class really enthused about becoming industrious and doing their homework and getting busy about what they needed to do. They were goofing off. She said, "Well, look at the ant. Works hard all day, always busy. After it's all over do you know what happens?" One little boy said, "Yeah, somebody steps on him." The way we feel.

It's kind of like the little girl that came home from Sunday School one day and said to her daddy, shesaid, "Daddy, when is our new baby going to talk?" He said, "Oh, babies don't talk. He want talk for a year and a half or more." She said, "Well, he should talk." He said, "Why should he talk?" She said, "The Bible says you sholud talk on the first day you are g born." "The first day you are born? Where did you hear that/" "I heard it in Sunday School. They read it out of the Bible." "What did they read to you?" "Well, the teacher said, 'Jacob cursed the day he was born.'" Isn't that the way we feel sometime.