

"Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with child? And she answered, **It is ell**" (II Kings 4:26).

We all know the story of Shunemite woman which is written in II Kings chapter 4:8-37 who after seeing Elisha led to take care of him by providing him a shelter and provision!

I am so very much impressed to see some of her great virtues. The 4th chapter of II Kings verse 8th says, "And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was **a great woman...**" Bible is very particular to mention about this woman as a great woman. Yes, there must be extraordinary in this woman's life which Bible recognized. Let us take some time to see what extraordinary that woman had.

First of all this Shunemite woman had **open heart, and open hand and open eyes.** When she saw Elisha passing by her house she used to call him in her house and feed him (vs. 8). She told her husband about Elisha: "And she said unto her husband, behold now, I perceive that this is a **holy man of God,** which passeth by us continually. **Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, he shall turn in thither" (Vs. 9-10). Hallelujah! Great and good God, Jehovah-Jireh! I liked one thing what the Bible says about her what she told her husband about Elisha, "I perceive that he is a holy man of God." Oh, glory!**

Elisha was so impressed by her kindness and by her hospitality and called her and asked her what he could do for her as she showed Elisha kindness. Elisha gave her two options: 1) Wouldest thou be spoken for to the king? Or 2).To the captain of the host? Look at her wonderful answer: "I dwell among mine own people." (Vs.13), that means she is happy and had no problem or no complains. Here one more thing of her to be noticed that, she did not have any children but still she did not expressed her desire to have a child or did not complain to Elisha or good to say that she did not show her kindness to Elisha with a selfish motive, but a pure unselfish heart she showed kindness to Elisha.

Elisha understood from his servant Gehazi that she did not have any children and her husband is old (Vs. 14). Elisha told her that, "About this season, according to the times of life, thou shalt embrace a son" (Vs. 16a). **And according to the word of Elisha she gave birth to a son**. As he grew one day he fell sick and died. She put her son on the bed of Elisha in his chamber. And did not tell anything to her husband about her son but requested him to send with her one young man with one ass to visit the prophet.

As he was nearing to Elisha on the Mount Carmel, he saw her from far and sent Gehazi to enquire about her well being. Gehazi asked her and she said, "IT IS WELL!" What a faith-filled confession! Elisha went with her and he could raise her son from the dead. She fell at Elisha's feet with gratitude of her heart. Her total faith on the Lord and that was the reason that Shunemite woman was called "great woman!" She loved the Lord her God with all her heart, mind, soul and strength and loved others, especially to the servants of God! This is the thing that our good Lord looks into our lives!

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, <u>Jesus is Lord</u> and take with you <u>the Word of God and Faith</u>, excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).



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