Times Two pt15 – Promise Kept Dr. John Carmichael

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• God's ways confuse people. This becomes a challenge to people's faith

What can we learn from the Elisha bone resurrection?

We can learn from a couple principles from the people of the story.

I. The People

- a. Elisha
 - i. [2Ki 2:9 NASB] 9 When they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."
 - ii. One miracle left for the double portion. Then died. God fulfilled.
 - iii. [1Th 5:24 NASB] 24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.
 - iv. God will always fulfill His promise.

b. The dead man

- i. [2Ki 13:21 NASB] 21 As they were burying a man, behold, they saw a marauding band; and they cast the man into the grave of Elisha. And when the man touched the bones of Elisha he revived and stood up on his feet.
- ii. It is NOT OVER!
- iii. He is on his feet. Not partial resurrections!
- iv. God is not done with you!

c. Others

- i. [1Ki 18:44 NASB] 44 It came about at the seventh [time,] that he said, "Behold, a cloud as small as a man's hand is coming up from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare [your chariot] and go down, so that the [heavy] shower does not stop you.'"
- ii. The were 1 man down then the other armies came.
- iii. God said, "Look again!"

II. The Principles

a. God's ways must be trusted.

- i. Timing? Delay? Don't be so quick to blame God for those.
- ii. [Jhn 15:7 NASB] 7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- iii. Just trust Him to do His part. No assumptions.

b. God's miracles must be believed for.

- i. God does things that we believe Him for.
- ii. [Rom 4:17 NASB] 17 (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, [even] God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

• God fulfills His promises as we trust Him and believe in Him.