

Death of Elisha II Kings 13:14-21

I Leave a Legacy II Kings 13:14
Elisha like Paul is nearing the end of his life II Timothy 4:6-7
Elisha Faithful to the end He died well
 He surrendered to the will of God at whatever cost
 He followed his master in total loyalty
 There is no record that Elisha ever complained against God
 He never lapsed in Immorality
 He remained a faithful man of prayer
 He was sensitive to the prompting of the Spirit

Whenever you meet a Christian you meet a man who is on his way to heaven.

Philippians 3:20-21

Pray that you will die the death of the righteous Numbers 23:10 Balaam
We are immortal until our life's work is done Job 14:5
Statistically 100% of all people are going to die.
Heaven NOW! ARE YOU READY?
Rapture – Snatched away I Thessalonians 4:17
Elisha experienced death Elijah was raptured
Every day we live brings us a day nearer to heaven
living or dying we belong to the LORD Rom 14:7-8
The timing and mode of departure will be just right.

Death for a believer is comparatively unimportant

Matthew Henry "He whose head is in heaven need not fear to put his feet into the grave"

The King Jehoash came and paid his last respects

Would you rather be remembered as Elisha or King Jehoash?

Take care of your life and the Lord will take care of your death – George Whitefield

"The man who does the will of God lives forever" I John 2:17

Abraham Lincoln and asked him, "**Are you sure that the Lord is on your side?**" His reply shocked them. He said, "**That is not the thing that I am most concerned about.**" "**What I am most anxious about is whether or not we are on the Lord's side.**" Fear God and you will have nothing less to fear, not even death.

II Influence the next generation II Kings 13:15-19

Stir them up to good works

Hebrews 10:24-25 This happens inside the walls of the church

Elisha encourages the King that he can be victorious over God's enemies.

Elisha was being removed but the fight would still go on.

Jesus did the same thing

John 16:31-33 I have overcome the world

He is admonishing others to keep the fight going

II Timothy 4:6-7

The Arrows of Deliverance!

Proverbs 21:30-31 True deliverance comes from the LORD

Those three strikes! Why only three times?

Christ's three arrows of Deliverance Powerful blows to the enemy

1 Love of God John 15:12-14

2 The Helper John 16:7-11

3 Prayer John 16:23-24

Quite simply, we don't believe. So, we give up after two or three attempts

Maybe we feel silly when we pray.

"Some answers to prayer come like torpedoes, but as said, some prayers come like the tortoises slowly but surely." - Colin Urquart

Three dangers of half-hearted prayer

1 Skepticism limits your prayer life Matthew 21:21-22

2 Low Expectation limits your prayer life James 4:2-3

3 Small Desire limits your prayer life Matthew 17:20

III A ministry that continues after you have gone. II Kings 13:20-21

Put your hand in a bucket

Even after death Elisha is not finished.

In 1544 on the "Relics of the Saints" Calvin says he knew that certain clergy

Acts 19:11 Paul's handkerchief

Mark 5:24-34 Jesus Robe

Acts 5:12-16 Peter's shadow

Luke Short story

Hebrews 11:4 By faith He still speaks even through the dead

Will the world be any different because you and I were born?

II Timothy 4:9-16 Will things change because you lived and died doing the will of God?

Revelation 1:18 If we have touched Jesus, we receive NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

I was dead and behold I am alive forever and ever!