

People of Faith

(Lesson 22)

Introduction:

1. In Hebrews 11:32 "*the prophets*" are mentioned in connection with their faith.
2. Two of the greatest Old Testament prophets were Elijah and Elisha.
3. Elisha succeeded Elijah as God's prophet to Israel.
 - a. Elisha demonstrated great faith on several occasions.
 - b. God accomplished a number of mighty works through Elisha.

Discussion:

- I. (2 Kings 4:38-41) A POT OF FOOD WAS MADE EDIBLE
- II. (2 Kings 4:42-44) FOOD WAS PROVIDED FOR 100 MEN
- III. (2 Kings 5:1-17) NAAMAN WAS CLEANSED OF LEPROSY
- IV. (2 Kings 6:1-7) AN AXE SWAM
- V. (2 Kings 13:14-21) ELISHA'S DEATH

Conclusion:

1. Great works such as these indicated that Elisha was a true prophet.
2. (Deuteronomy 18:18-19) Years earlier, Moses stated that a Prophet would come at a later time.
3. (Acts 3:12-26) Peter indicated that Jesus fulfilled this prophecy.
4. By His works Jesus proved He was that Prophet (John 3:2).
 - a. He performed miracles involving food.
 - 1) (Matthew 14:15-21) Jesus fed the 5,000.
 - 2) (Matthew 15:32-38) Jesus fed the 4,000.
 - b. He also cleansed lepers.
 - 1) (Luke 5:12-13) Jesus cleansed a man of leprosy.
 - 2) (Luke 17:11-14) Jesus cleansed 10 men of leprosy.
5. Today we must listen to Christ, the greatest Prophet of all (Hebrews 1:1-3).