

God's Word Stands

2 Kings 7:3-20

1. Through _____ Intervention (v. 3-10)
 - a. The _____ of the four lepers
 - i. Using the _____ likely men
 - ii. Remembering the Syrian _____
 - b. The actions of the four lepers
 - i. _____ decision-making
 - ii. _____ of their actions
 - c. The main point of the leper narrative
 - i. God intervened with an _____ delusion
 - ii. God used the lepers as _____
2. Despite the _____ of God's People (v. 11-15)
 - a. Reaction of King Jehoram
 - i. Quick to consider military _____
 - ii. Refusal to believe God's Word of _____
 - iii. Apparent indecision or _____
 - b. Suggestion of an _____ servant
 - i. "No _____" suggestion to check it out
 - ii. Reminder of _____ situation
 - iii. Report _____ – even to the Jordan!
3. In All of Its _____ Details (16-20)
 - a. Regarding the _____ of provisions
 - i. For fine _____
 - ii. For _____
 - b. Regarding the unbelieving _____
 - c. Regarding the word of _____ the prophet
 - i. Positive word of _____
 - ii. Negative word of _____

But Elisha said, 'Hear the word of the LORD: thus says the LORD, Tomorrow about this this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria.' Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned said to the man of God, 'If the LORD himself should make windows in heaven, could this thing be?' But he said, 'You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat of it.

2 Kings 7:1-2

To not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

Matthew 5:17-18

It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes... This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:8-9, 23-24

Follow-Up Quote

"All this is vintage Yahweh – using unclean lepers and nameless servants. Ellul grasps this nicely:

"Here again we see God's freedom in the choice of means. God chooses some men among others. He associates men secondarily with himself in the doing of his work. But what men? Not the most qualified, the most informed, the most worthy, the most alert. We see God choose lepers to discover the miracle just as it is women coming to the tomb with their own material concerns who discover the great miracle. The lepers are rejects. They are unclean.' (Ellul, *The Politics of God and the Politics of Man*, p. 62)

"The discovery of God's work is placed in the hands of the unclean and the unnamed. Surely we feel this text grabbing us by the lapels and pulling us down to kneel and praise. Here Yahweh uses neither the healthy nor the prominent. Doesn't God deserve high praise for the lowly servants he uses?"

(Dale Ralph David, *2 Kings: The Power and the Fury*, 2005, p. 127)