

THE LIFE OF ELISHA
"Experiencing the Presence of God"
2 Kings 2:6-14

INTRODUCTION:

1. Review - 2 Kings 2:6-14

2. Key Verse - Vs 14

- a) So when was the water parted?
- b) When he said "*Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?*"
- c) Which meant - "*Where is God's presence?*"

1) Vs 12-14

3. Elisha knew that the "*Power of God*" was in His presence.

4. We do a lot of things in Church - We sing. We give. We Preach and we Listen.

a) But all of it is vanity if God's not in it.

b) *Acts 3:19-20*

c) *Hebrews 13:5*

5. The Word of God teaches us that God is "Immanent" which means He remains near in His creation, and that he is "Transcendent" being bigger or greater than all of creation.

a) God's transcendence means He's wholly present @ every point in the universe simultaneously.

b) *Psalms 113:4-6*

I. THE PROMISE

A. KEY HOLY SPIRIT PASSAGES

1. John 14:12-17

a) *Galatians 2:20*

1) "*It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.*"

b) John 14:18-21; 25-26

B. THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ACTIVITY

1. John 15:26

2. The Holy Spirit does not desire to be in the spotlight.

a) He wants the spotlight to be on the Son of God...Jesus.

3. *Luke 1:35*

a) WOW!! The miraculous conception of the God-Man Jesus Christ was through the activity of the Holy Spirit.

C. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON

1. He has Intellect
 - a) *1 Corinthians 2:11*
2. He has Emotion's
 - a) *Ephesians 4:30*
3. He has a Will
 - a) *1 Corinthians 12:11*

II. LIVING IN THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER

A. FROM DOCTRINE TO PRACTICE

1. *Ephesians 5:18*

a) This is without a doubt one of the most important passages in all regarding the Holy Spirit.

- 1) *"and do not be drunk with wine..."*
- 2) *"but be filled with the Spirit"*

2. **WOW!!!** This is the Christian life all in one message: *"Be filled with the Spirit"*

3. At the end of the day, revival is more of the Holy Spirit's activity, working, striving and moving in and through you.

a) When someone asks: *"How do I love my Spouse"*

- 1) *"Be filled with the Spirit"*

b) When someone says: *"I like my stuff more my church"*

- 1) *"Be filled with the Spirit"*

c) When someone says: *"I don't share my faith the way I should"*

- 1) *"Be filled with the Spirit"*

d) When someone says: *"I don't serve the way I should"*

- 1) *"Be filled with the Spirit"*

4. If you don't want what God wants: *"Be filled with the Spirit"*

B. MEANING OF "Being Filled"

1. It means to be controlled, intoxicated, thoroughly influenced!!

2. *"To be filled"* - is a command.

a) Every single person who has turned from his sin and embraced Christ by faith can be filled with the Spirit.

- 1) Because God commands it!!!

3. Notice the Holy Spirit's ministry to us at conversion.
 - a) *Immersed me into the Body of Christ*
 - 1) **1 Corinthians 12:14**
 - b) *Sealed me*
 - 1) **Ephesians 1:13-14**
 - c) @ Conversion we were given all the Holy Spirit we will ever have.
 - 1) Question is how much of us does the Holy Spirit have?
4. We were "**Baptized**" once....we are filled often.
5. "**Be filled**" means to "**be filled**" and keep being filled.
6. **Sanctification** - Is giving God total Control of our lives, day after day, being filled again and again.
7. We have no time!!!
 - a) **1 John 1:9**
8. **Listen Up:** If your trapped in some negative pattern of thinking.
 - a) Anger, resentment, bitterness, frustration, fear or worry-the Holy Spirit can direct what your mind dwells upon.

III. CONFIRMATION OF THE FILLING

1. **Romans 8:9-17**

A. AM I BEING LED

1. Vs 14

B. AM I CONFIDENT

1. Vs 15

C. AM I GROWING IN INTAMACY

1. Vs 15

D. DO I FEEL SECURE

1. Vs 16

E, IS MY IDENTITY IN CHRIST

1. Vs 17

IV. HOW TO BE FILLED

A. REPENT OF KNOWN SIN

1. *Psalm 139:23*

B. ASK TO BE FILLED

1. *Matthew 7:11*

C. TRUST HE WILL

1. *John 14:13*

CONCLUSION:

1. The Holy Spirit wants to be continually filling you, empowering you, with all the intensity and life and joy that is His to give.
2. Elisha said "*Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah*"