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The unexpected peace of life, old age, sickness, and death given by the god of life  
Second Kings chapter 4 focuses on the story of Elisha and God's miracles.

The story begins with the story of a widow whose husband was once a disciple of the Prophet and died leaving behind debts. The creditor came to collect the debt and kept the widow's son as a slave. The widow came to Elisha, who asked her to find as many empty bottles and jars as possible and fill them with oil. Miraculously, the widow had only a little oil, but at Elisha's prayer, she poured a lot of oil, enough to pay off all her debts and leave enough money to provide for her and her son.

The rest of the story tells of Elisha having dinner at the home of a rich man who was a godly man. Elisha asked his servants to make some flour into bread for the rich family to eat, so that they would receive God's blessings. The rich family's wife was very old and childless, and Elisha prophesied that she would become pregnant, and soon after, she did give birth to a son.

The final part of the story tells the story of Elisha and the blind general Namon. Namon, the general of the king of Syria, came to Israel and asked Elisha to heal his eyes. Elisha had him bathe in the Jordan seven times, and after doing so, his eyes were healed.

In the journey of life, we often face the inevitable realities of birth, old age, illness, death, etc., and these challenges often make us feel uneasy and afraid. Yet, in the midst of all this, God's grace and peace are unexpected gifts, like morning dewdrops, that satisfy and comfort our hearts.

In the midst of life's storms, God's peace is like a strong beacon that illuminates our path. As we face the passing years, God's love and care are like warm sunshine that warms our aging bodies. In the midst of sickness, God's power and healing are like cool nectar that nourishes our thirsty souls. As we approach the threshold of death, God's peace is like a tranquil lake, soothing our restless hearts.

May we all feel God's unexpected peace in the journey of birth, old age, sickness, and death, and pass this peace on to those around us. Because God's love is always with us, His peace is beyond human comprehension, and it is always the resting place of our hearts. May the Lord bless you so that you can feel His peace and love at all times.

There are many verses in the Bible that mention God's promise of peace. Here are some of them:

Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, and thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. "

John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you, and I give you my peace." What I have given is not as the world has given me. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither be afraid. "

2 Corinthians 13:11: "And brethren, be with you all with the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the mercy of God, and the touching of the Holy Spirit." "

Isaiah 26:3: "Strengthen your will and trust in the Lord who is the eternal Lord, for the Lord is the Rock forever." "

Ephesians 2:14: "For he has made peace to us, and has broken down the wall of the two, and has made himself a reconciliation between the two." "

These verses remind us that God's peace is beyond the comprehension of the world and is the foundation of our faith and the security of our security. When we trust God and commit everything to Him, He will give us peace.

There are also many scriptures in the Bible about God healing people's sicknesses. Here are some of them:

Exodus 15:26: "He said, 'If you diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God, and do that which is right in my eyes, and hearken diligently to my commandments, and keep all my statutes, I will not put upon you the sickness that I inflicted on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord who heals you.'" "

Psalms 103:2-3: "Bless the Lord, O my Spirit, and do not forget all his goodness." He forgives all your sins and heals you of all your diseases. "

Mark 6:56: "Everyone who touched his garment was healed." "

Matthew 4:23-24: "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and plague of every people." His fame spread throughout Syria. And they brought to Jesus all the sick, that is, all kinds of diseases, and those

who were haunted by demons, and those who were epileptic, and those who were epilepsy, and those who had leaks blood, and he healed them. ”

James 5:14-15: "Should any of you suffer? Is anyone in a good mood? He should sing praises. If someone is sick, call the elders of the church to come and anoint him with oil and pray for him in the name of the Lord. The Lord will raise the sick man up when he prays in faith, and if he sins, he will be forgiven. ”

These verses show that God is the Lord who heals people from their sickness, and that His healing is done out of His love and grace. When people trust God and seek His help, He will answer and heal their sickness.

We pray together:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your love and grace in our lives. Today, we gather in Your presence and pray to You in faith for healing and comfort.

Lord, you are the Lord who heals our bodies and souls. When we face physical sickness and pain, extend a loving hand and touch us to give healing and healing. Let our faith be planted like a seed in Your promises, for You promise that as long as we trust in You, You will heal us.

Lord, we also know that Your healing is not only for our physical needs, but also for our spiritual wounds and weariness. Sow the seeds of peace deep in our hearts, so that we can be firm and full of faith in the midst of difficulties. May Your peace pour into our hearts like a river for our hearts to rest and comfort.

Lord, we are confident that You are the Healer and our Protector. May Your grace and love be evident in our lives so that we can feel Your presence and Your healing power at every moment.

In the name of Jesus Christ we ask, amen.

## 2 Kings chapter 4

2Kg. 4:1 The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the LORD. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.”

2Kg. 4:2 Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?” “Your servant has nothing there at

all,” she said, “except a little oil.”

2Kg. 4:3 Elisha said, “Go round and ask all your neighbours for empty jars. Don’t ask for just a few.

2Kg. 4:4 Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.”

2Kg. 4:5 She left him and afterwards shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring.

2Kg. 4:6 When all the jars were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another one.” But he replied, “There is not a jar left.” Then the oil stopped flowing.

2Kg. 4:7 She went and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left.”

2Kg. 4:8 One day Elisha went to Shunem. And a well-to-do woman was there, who urged him to stay for a meal. So whenever he came by, he stopped there to eat.

2Kg. 4:9 She said to her husband, “I know that this man who often comes our way is a holy man of God.

2Kg. 4:10 Let’s make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him. Then he can stay there

whenever he comes to us.”

2Kg. 4:11 One day when Elisha came, he went up to his room and lay down there.

2Kg. 4:12 He said to his servant Gehazi, “Call the Shunammite.” So he called her, and she stood before him.

2Kg. 4:13 Elisha said to him, “Tell her, ‘You have gone to all this trouble for us. Now what can be done for you? Can we speak on your behalf to the king or the commander of the army?’”

She replied, “I have a home among my own people.”

2Kg. 4:14 “What can be done for her?” Elisha asked. Gehazi said,

“Well, she has no son and her husband is old.”

2Kg. 4:15 Then Elisha said, “Call her.” So he called her, and she stood in the doorway.

2Kg. 4:16 “About this time next year,” Elisha said, “you will hold a son in your arms.” “No, my lord,” she objected. “Don’t mislead your servant, O man of God!”

2Kg. 4:17 But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

2Kg. 4:18 The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers.

2Kg. 4:19 “My head! My head!” he said to his father. His father told a servant, “Carry him to his mother.”

2Kg. 4:20 After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. 2Kg. 4:21 She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out.

2Kg. 4:22 She called her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return."

2Kg. 4:23 "Why go to him today?" he asked. "It's not the New Moon or the Sabbath." "It's all right," she said.

2Kg. 4:24 She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead on; don't slow down for me unless I tell you."

2Kg. 4:25 So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, "Look! There's the Shunammite!

2Kg. 4:26 Run to meet her and ask her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?'" "Everything is all right," she said.

2Kg. 4:27 When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why."

2Kg. 4:28 "Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said. "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't raise my hopes?'"

2Kg. 4:29 Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy's face."

2Kg. 4:30 But the child's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her.

2Kg. 4:31 Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened."

2Kg. 4:32 When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch.

2Kg. 4:33 He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD.

2Kg. 4:34 Then he got on the bed and lay upon the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out upon him, the boy's body grew warm.

2Kg. 4:35 Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got onto the bed and stretched out upon him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

2Kg. 4:36 Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite."

And he did. When she came, he said, "Take your son."

2Kg. 4:37 She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

2Kg. 4:38 Elisha returned to Gilgal and there was a famine in that region. While the company of the prophets was meeting with him, he said to his servant, "Put on the large pot and cook some stew for these men."

2Kg. 4:39 One of them went out into the fields to gather herbs and found a wild vine. He gathered some of its gourds and filled the fold of his cloak. When he returned, he cut them up into the pot of stew, though no-one knew what they were.

2Kg. 4:40 The stew was poured out for the men, but as they began to eat it, they cried out, "O man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could not eat it.

2Kg. 4:41 Elisha said, "Get some flour." He put it into the pot and said, "Serve it to the people to eat." And there was nothing harmful in the pot.

2Kg. 4:42 A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe corn, along with some ears of new corn. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said.

2Kg. 4:43 "How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked. But Elisha answered, "Give it to the people to eat. For

this is what the LORD says: 'They will eat and have some left over.'"

2Kg. 4:44 Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

The fourth chapter of 2 Kings contains several stories of miracles performed by Elisha, the prophet who succeeded Elijah.

The first story involves a widow who is in debt and facing the possibility of losing her sons as slaves to her creditors. Elisha asks her what she has in her house, and she tells him she only has a jar of oil. Elisha instructs her to borrow as many empty jars as possible from her neighbors and to pour the oil into them. The oil miraculously fills all the jars, allowing her to sell the oil and pay off her debts.

The second story involves a wealthy woman who invites Elisha to stay at her house whenever he passes by. Elisha asks his servant, Gehazi, what he can do for the woman, and Gehazi tells him that she has no children. Elisha promises the woman that she will have a son, and she does indeed give birth to a son the following year. However, the child dies suddenly a few years later. Elisha prays to God and is able to revive the boy, restoring him to life.

The third story involves a group of prophets who are in need of a larger meeting place. Elisha tells them to cut down some trees and make a new room onto their existing dwelling. While they are cutting down trees, one of the prophets loses his axe head in the water. Elisha throws a stick into the water, causing the axe head to float to the surface. The final story in the chapter involves a famine in the land, and Elisha miraculously provides a group of hungry prophets with a meal using only a small amount of food. Overall, chapter 4 of 2 Kings shows the power and authority of Elisha as a prophet, and highlights how God can provide for those in need through miraculous means.

in Christian bible, “ 2 Kings” : Chapter: 4; what are the key verses and where to find it 2 Kings chapter 4 is a lengthy chapter that tells several stories, but some of the key verses include:

1. "The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, 'Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves'" (2 Kings 4:1). This verse sets up the story of the widow who comes to Elisha for help.
2. "Elisha replied to her, 'How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?' 'Your servant has nothing there at all,' she said, 'except a little oil'" (2 Kings 4:2). Elisha asks the widow what resources she has, and she tells him she only has a small amount of oil.
3. "Elisha said, 'Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side'" (2 Kings 4:3-4). Elisha instructs the widow to gather as many jars as possible and fill them with the oil she has.
4. "When all the jars were full, she said to her son, 'Bring me another one.' But he replied, 'There is not a jar left.' Then the oil stopped flowing. She went and told the man of God, and he said, 'Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left'" (2 Kings 4:6-7). This verse shows how Elisha's miracle of multiplying the oil not only helped the widow pay off her debts but also provided for her and her sons' livelihood.
5. "She said to her husband, 'I know that this man who often comes our way is a holy man of God. Let's make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him. Then he can stay there whenever he comes to us'" (2 Kings 4:9-10). This verse introduces the story of the Shunammite woman, who recognizes Elisha as a holy man of God and invites him to stay in a room in her house.
6. "The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. He said to his father, 'My head! My head!' His father told a servant, 'Carry him to his mother'" (2 Kings 4:18-19). This verse sets up the story of the Shunammite woman's son, who falls ill and dies.
7. "Elisha sent a messenger to say to her, 'Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed'" (2 Kings 5:10).

This verse is actually the beginning of the next chapter, but it sets up the story of Naaman, a commander in the Syrian army, who comes to Elisha seeking a cure for his leprosy. Elisha instructs him to wash in the Jordan River seven times to be healed.

In 2 Kings chapter 4, we encounter several stories that highlight the miraculous power of God through the prophet Elisha. The chapter offers several reflections:

**God's Provision in Times of Need:** The chapter begins with the story of the widow of one of the sons of the prophets who is facing severe debt and the threat of losing her children to slavery. In response to Elisha's inquiry, she reveals that all she has is a jar of oil. Elisha instructs her to gather empty vessels, and miraculously, her small jar of oil fills all the vessels until there are no more left. This account reminds us that God is the ultimate provider and that He can multiply what seems insufficient to meet our needs.

**The Power of Faith and Obedience:** The chapter also recounts the story of the Shunammite woman who provides hospitality to Elisha. In gratitude, Elisha promises her a son. Despite her initial disbelief due to her old age, she eventually conceives and bears a son as promised. Tragically, the child later dies, but through Elisha's intercession, the boy is raised from the dead. This narrative emphasizes the power of faith and obedience. The Shunammite woman trusted in God's word, even when it seemed improbable, and her faith was rewarded.

**The Power of Hospitality and Generosity:** The Shunammite woman's act of hospitality toward Elisha is noteworthy. Her generosity and willingness to provide for the needs of a prophet of God lead to blessings beyond her expectations. This story serves as a reminder of the importance of showing hospitality and generosity to others, as it can result in unexpected blessings and divine favor.

**Miraculous Healing:** The chapter also features the account of Elisha healing the deadly stew. Some of the sons of the prophets unknowingly gathered gourds and mixed them into the stew, making it poisonous. Elisha miraculously removes the poison and makes the stew safe to eat. This story showcases God's power to heal and intervene in unexpected circumstances.

**The Importance of Faith in God's Promises:** Lastly, the chapter includes the story of Elisha feeding a hundred men with twenty loaves of bread. Again, it is a demonstration of God's provision and the multiplication of resources. It emphasizes the significance of trusting in God's promises and having faith that He can surpass human limitations.



Overall, 2 Kings chapter 4 provides reflections on God's provision, the power of faith and obedience, the impact of hospitality and generosity, miraculous healing, and the importance of trusting in God's promises. These narratives encourage believers to rely on God's provision, demonstrate hospitality and generosity, and have faith in His power to overcome challenges and fulfill His promises.