

## **MORNING WORSHIP**

**19 November 2006**

**Theme: “Rich in Good Works”**

**Text: Galatians 6:9-10; 2 Kings 4**

**Title: “Let us make a small upper room”**

### **(I) MAINTAINING ZEAL IN DOING GOOD WORKS**

*“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith” Galatians 6:9-10*

#### **1. Fending off weariness**

*“And let us not grow weary while doing good” Galatians 6:9a*

#### **2. Keeping faith**

*“For in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart” Galatians 6:9b*

#### **3. Seizing every opportunity**

*“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all...” Galatians 6:10a*

#### **4. Focusing on the household of faith**

*“Especially to those who are of the household of faith” Galatians 6:10b*

### **(II) A CLASSIC EXAMPLE (2 Kings 4:8-37)**

#### **1. Simple introduction of the Shunamite lady**

*“There was a notable woman ” 2 Kings 4:8a*

#### **2. Kindness of heart displayed**

a) Provision of food (initial)

*“She persuaded him to eat food” 2 Kings 4:8b*

b) Provision of good (perpetual)

*“So it was, as often as he passed by, he would turn in there to eat some food” 2 Kings 4:8c*

c) Provision of shelter (escalation)

*“And she said to her husband,  
‘Look now, I know that this is a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly.  
Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there,  
and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can  
turn in there.’” 2 Kings 4:9-10*

### **(III) A SPECIAL BLESSING OFFERED**

1. The Offer of Elisha

*“What can I do for you? Do you want me to speak on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?” 2 Kings 4:13a*

2. The Declining of the Offer

*“She answered, ‘I dwell among my own people’” 2 Kings 4:13b*

3. The suggestion of Gehazi, Elisha’s servant

*“Actually, she has no son, and her husband is old” 2 Kings 4:14*

4. The promise of a son

*“About this time next year you shall embrace a son” 2 Kings 4:16*

### **(IV) HE SHALL BY NO MEANS LOSE HIS REWARD**

*“He who receives you receives me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.  
He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward.*

*And he who received a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.*

*And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward. Matthew 10:40-*

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