

Elisha Asks For a Double Portion of Elijah's Spirit

2 Kings 1:1-2:25

Key Verse: 2:9

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.”

I. Elijah, the man of God (1:1-18)

1. What kind of king was Ahaziah? (1 Ki 22:51-53) What problems did he face? Where did he seek help? (1,2) What warning did God give Ahaziah through Elijah? (3,4)

2. How did Ahaziah receive God's warning? (5-9,11,13) How did Elijah respond to the first two companies of soldiers sent by the king to arrest him? (9-12) What was the attitude of the captain of the third company? (13,14)? What happened to the king? (15-18)

II. Elisha inherits the ministry of Elijah (Ch. 2)

3. The day God was going to take Elijah to heaven, what was Elisha's attitude toward Elijah? (2:1-8) Why did Elisha follow Elijah so persistently? Why might Elijah try to leave Elisha behind?

4. What did Elisha ask of Elijah? (9) What does this mean? What did Elijah promise? What happened? (10-12) How did Elisha respond? (12) Why would God take Elijah away like this?

5. How did Elisha cross the Jordan River? (13-14) What significance does this have? Why did the company of prophets from Jericho want to search for Elijah? What did they realize about Elisha? (15-18)

6. What miracle did Elisha perform for the people? (19-22) What does this suggest about the character of his ministry?

7. Why were some youths mauled by two bears? (23-25) What does this suggest about the attitude we must have toward servants of God? Why?