

April: 12

Hospitality of an honorable woman

Scripture to read: 2 Kings 4: 8-35

When Elisha went to Shunem, an honorable woman over there would give him food and made him to stay in her home. She said to her husband, "I am sure this man who stops in from time to time is a holy man of God Let's build a small room for him on the roof and furnish it with a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp. To which even her husband agreed. One day Elisha went up to this upper room to rest, he called the Shunamite women and told we appreciate the kind concern you have shown us. What can we do for you? "No," she replied, "No," she replied, "my family takes good care of me." Later Elisha asked Hegazi, "What can we do for her?" Hegazi replied, "She doesn't have a son, and her husband is an old man." "Call her back again," Elisha told him. When the woman returned, Elisha said to her "Next year at this time you will be holding a son in your arms!" it happened just the way Elisha told her.



Children what would have your answer been when you were asked about what you need as Elisha asked the women of Shumen? You would have asked something right. Though she built a room for Elisha to stay, she did not expect anything in return from him. But God fulfilled the need of her's which she was unable to tell. She received the blessing of a child by helping the servant of God which was not possible through money and labor. One day when her child was older, suddenly he cried out, "My head hurts! My head hurts and he died." Immediately she went to Elisha and asked him to give back her son's life. Elisha also came home and prayed for her child and gave back her son alive. Serving a man of God is like serving God himself. God is not a debtor to anyone; he not only blesses his children but also lifts us up when we are caught in any difficulty.

Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. 1 John 4:11

Prayer

Lord who has no beginning and end we praise you. Grant us a heart to help others and to grow as your child.
Amen

