

PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL TO A PERISHING WORLD

II KINGS 6:24-7:9

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"The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time." — Carl F. H. Henry

- I. The World is Under a Decree of **Death**.
 - A. Samaria – A city under a death **sentence**. (2 Kings 6:28-29)
 - B. Samaria – A picture of the **World**. (Romans 6:23a; Ezekiel 18:20a)
- II. The World Walks in the Darkness of **Despair**. (2 Kings 7:3-4)
 - A. Living Without **Hope** Leads to Despair.
 - B. Living in Despair Leads to **Desperation**.
- III. Our God **Delights** in Delivering a World Under a Decree of **Death** and that Walks in the Darkness of **Despair**. (2 Kings 7:5-7)
 - A. **Samaria's** Only Hope was a God-Sent Miracle.
 - B. **The World's** Only Hope is a God-Sent Miracle. (Galatians 4:4-5)
- IV. Our God Demands the Dedication of His **Disciples**.
 - A. Those Delivered by God's Miracle Respond with Either:
 1. **Selfishness** (2 Kings 7:8)

"Any church that is not seriously involved in helping fulfill the Great Commission has forfeited its biblical right to exist." — Oswald J. Smith

2. **Service** (2 Kings 7:9)
 - B. When Those Delivered by God's Miracle Respond as Dedicated Disciples, Two Things Happen:
 1. We **share** what we have.
 2. We **tell** what we know.

"Some wish to live within the sound of a chapel bell; I wish to run a rescue mission within a yard of hell." — C.T. Studd