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ELISHA- MIGHTY IN WORD AND DEED- Equipping Hour Class with Pastor Bloesch

September 7- October 26 from 9:00 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.

This past spring we studied the life of Elijah, the larger-than-life prophet in 1st and 2nd Kings who was taken up into heaven in a blaze of glory. He was gone from this earth, but his ministry wasn't gone. It continued on, particularly through the life of his successor, Elisha. Elijah passed the prophetic mantle to him. In the opening chapters of 2 Kings, we saw how the sons of the prophets affirmed Elisha's ministry, and in our study this fall we'll examine in 2 Kings 4-13 how Elisha proved his ministry to Israel's kings and served as the Lord's special agent who was sent to speak the truth of God and display His power! But Elisha not only reminds us of his mentor. We will also see how he foreshadows the ministry of Jesus. Elisha's ministry is a Messiah-like ministry. Like Jesus, Elisha had compassion on those in need: a widow, a barren woman, a dead son, a hungry multitude and those in difficulty. I hope the Elisha narratives will make us love this heroic prophet, but they should make us love Jesus even more-the Savior who spoke truth, provided bread, showed compassion, healed the sick and defeated death! Like Jesus, Elisha was mighty in word and deed, so in this equipping hour class we'll look together at Elisha's word and deed ministry that points us ahead to the ministry of Jesus! Below is our schedule for September and October. We will meet in the room just west of the north doors.

September 7- 2 Kings 4:8-37- "The Mission of Elisha- a Son for the Childless"

September 14- 2 Kings 5:1-27- "The Healing of Naaman- "The Cure and Conversion of a Conqueror"

September 21- 2 Kings 6:1-23- "Deliverance in a time of War- the Lord's Victory over the Arameans"

September 28- 2 Kings 9:1-37- "Jehu- the Instrument of the Lord's Vengeance"

October 5- 2 Kings 11:1-21- "The Renewal of the Sinaitic Covenant- God's Grace to the Rebellious"

October 12- 2 Kings 12: 1-21- "Joash Repairs the Temple- How to Run a Building Campaign"

October 19- 2 Kings 13:1-25- "Elisha's Demonstration of God's Life-giving Power"

October 26- FALL BREAK