

## God's providence

2 Kings 8:1-6

- I. ELISHA WARNED THE SHUNAMITE WOMAN TO LEAVE HER HOME AND COUNTRY (2 KINGS 8:1-2).
  - A. Elisha told the Shunamite woman to leave the country because God was sending a famine to Israel (8:1).
    - She had been generous to Elisha (2 Kings 4:8-10).
    - God had raised her son to life (2 Kings 4:18-36).
  - B. The Shunamite woman and family went to the foreign land of the Philistines for 7 years (8:2).
    - *Family* - Seemingly her husband died already.
    - *Philistines* - She was suddenly a refugee.
- God providentially allows some trials to spare us others.
  
- II. THE WOMAN ARRIVED AT THE KING DURING A CONVERSATION ABOUT HER (2 KINGS 8:3-6).
  - A. The Shunamite's land was taken away while she was gone - probably by the king (8:3).
  - B. Elisha's servant was talking to the king about the woman exactly when she came in (8:4-5).
  - C. The king told his official to return everything (8:6).
- God providentially times events to bless us.