

## **EPISODE NO. 176**

### **2 Kings 4:8-17**

#### **Elisha Prayed for the Woman from Shunem**

8 One day, Elisha was passing by the town of Shunem. A rich woman lived there. She begged Elisha to stay and eat something. So, every time Elisha traveled through Shunem, he stopped there to eat. 9 The woman said to her husband, “Look, I now know that Elisha is a holy man of God. He passes by our house often. 10 Please let us prepare a small room above the porch. And, let us put a bed in that room for Elisha. We could also put a table, a chair, and a lampstand there. Then, whenever he comes by, he could stay there.”

11 One day, Elisha came there. He went to this room and lay down there. 12 He said to his servant Gehazi, “Call the woman from Shunem.” When the servant called her, she stood in front of him. 13 Elisha told his servant, “Now say to her: ‘Listen, you have gone to all this trouble for us. What can I do for you? Do you want me to speak to the king or the general of the army for you?’ ”

The woman answered, “I live among my own people.”

14 Elisha said, “But what can I do for her?”

Gehazi answered, “Well, she has no son, and her husband is old.”

15 Then Elisha said, “Call her.” So he called her, and she stood in the doorway. 16 Then Elisha said, “About this time next year, after 9 months of pregnancy, you will hold a son in your arms!”

The woman said, “No, my master, O man of the one true God. Don’t lie to me!”

17 The woman DID become pregnant. And, one year later, she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.