

Blessings of Thirsty Soul 渴慕的祝福

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列王紀上 19:19 – 21

¹⁹ 於是，以利亞離開那裏走了，遇見沙法的兒子以利沙耕地；在他前頭有十二對牛，自己趕著第十二對。以利亞到他那裏去，將自己的外衣搭在他身上。²⁰ 以利沙就離開牛，跑到以利亞那裏，說：「求你容我先與父母親嘴，然後我便跟隨你。」以利亞對他說：「你回去吧，我向你做了甚麼呢？」²¹ 以利沙就離開他回去，宰了一對牛，用套牛的器具煮肉給民吃，隨後就起身跟隨以利亞，服事他。

1Kings 19:19 – 21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. ²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹ So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

INTRODUCTION 引言

渴慕主 Hunger for God?

蘇格拉底與一位渴慕知識的青年 Socrates and a young man longing for knowledge

以利沙 Elisha – 一位極渴慕主的先知 **passion for God**

公元前九世紀傳奇先知 successor to Elijah, 9th cent BCE (1 Kgs 19:16–21; 2 Kgs 2:1–10:27; 13:14–21)

ELISHA Prophet, successor to Elijah., resisting the Baal worship that infected the northern kingdom during the reign of Ahab and his successors (Ahaziah, Jehoram, Jehu, Jehoahaz, and Jehoash) in 9th cent. BCE.

以利沙雖為以色列人，但他的事蹟影涉及摩押、以東、敘利亞王

1. IF THE LORD IS GOD, FOLLOW HIM 若耶和華是神，就當歸從祂

- (a) Worship a Real God 敬拜真的神
- (b) Worship a Good God 敬拜聖善的主
- (c) Worship a Powerful God 敬拜大有能力的神

“Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, “How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” The people did not answer him a word.” (1Kings 18:21, NRSV)

“以利亞前來對眾民說：「你們心持兩意要到幾時呢？若耶和華是上帝，就當順從耶和華；若巴力是上帝，就當順從巴力。」眾民一言不答。” (列王紀上 18:21)

Baal Worship 巴力崇拜



- 風雷雨電之神 storm god and bringer of rain
- 配偶亞舍拉 consort – Asherah
- 獻動物祭，包括人（兒女） child sacrifice (2Chr 28:2-3; 33:6; Jer 32:35)
- 廟妓(男/女) prostitutes (male/female) – fertility of land and people

A God who demands holiness

“...非聖潔沒有人能見主。” (希伯 12:14, CUV)

“...without holiness no one will see the Lord.” (希伯 12:14, NIV)

2. IF ANYONE WANTS TO FOLLOW THE LORD, DENY YOURSELF 若有人跟從主，就當捨己

以利沙蒙召之時，以利沙正耕田，前頭有十二對牛 – 富有人家

Plowing a field with 12 pairs of oxen – he was wealthy

外衣搭在身上 throwing his mantle on Elisha

搭外袍 – 象徵繼承先知任務 Placing mantle – a sign of inheriting the prophet's mission



“以利沙就離開他回去，宰了一對牛，用套牛的器具煮肉給民吃，隨後就起身跟隨以利亞，服事他。”(列王紀上 19:21)

“So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.” (1Kings 19:21, NIV)

3. IF YOU DESIRE TO BE MORE BLESSED , SEEK HIM PERSISTENTLY

若你想更多的祝福，契而不捨地尋求他

*“Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel.”
But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!” So they
went down to Bethel.” (2Kings 2:2, NKJV)*

“以利亞對以利沙說：「耶和華差我往伯特利去，你可以在這裏等候。」以利沙說：
「我指著永生的耶和華，又敢在你面前起誓，我必不離開你。」於是二人下到伯特
利。” (列王紀下 2:2)

契而不捨的渴慕 Persistent Hunger

吉甲Gilgal – 百特利Bethel → 耶利哥Jericho

(王下2：1-8 2Kings 2:1-8)

“過去之後，以利亞對以利沙說：「我未曾被接去離開你，你要我為你做甚麼，只
管求我。」以利沙說：「願感動你的靈加倍地感動我。」” (列王紀下 2:9, CUV)

*“And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask! What may I
do for you, before I am taken away from you?” Elisha said, “Please let a double portion
of your spirit be upon me.”” (2Kings 2:9, NKJV)*

(2Kings 2:9-15 王下2：9-15)



Elisha Miracles 神著以利沙行的神跡:

- 治好苦水（王下2：19-23） making the bitter water of Jericho drinkable (2 Kings 2:19–23)
- 使斧浮出水（王下6：2-7） raising an ax head from the bottom of the Jordan River (6:1–7).
- 供應油給寡婦（王下4：1-7） providing a poor woman with olive oil (2 Kings 4:1–7),
- 醫治亞蘭元師乃曼（王下5） curing a Syrian general of leprosy (2 Kings 5),
- 使童子復活（王下4：8-37） raising a child from the dead (4:8–37).
- 以利沙骸骨使死人復活（王下13：20-21） Some Israelites threw a dead man's body in Elisha's grave, and when it touched Elisha's bones, the man sprang back to life (2 Kings 13:20–21).



CONCLUDING REMARKS 結語

神召的不滿足 Holy Discontent

“飢渴慕義的人有福了！因為他們必得飽足。”(馬太福音 5:6, CUV)

“*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.*” (馬太福音 5:6, NKJV)

「死跟的人有福了！因為恩膏是他們的！」

Responding Song 回應歌：<獻上活祭> “Power of Your Love”

問題討論：

1. 閱讀王上19：19-21。何以見得以利沙跟從和服事以利亞的決心很堅定的信心和決心？付了甚麼代價？
2. 閱讀王下2：1-15，若你是以利沙，三番四次被拒絕，會有甚麼感受。
3. 為何以利沙契而不捨地跟以利亞，最後他得到了甚麼？
4. 從以利沙的身上你學到了甚麼功課？