



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: 2 KINGS 6:8-17

TITLE: SEEING IS BELIEVING – OR – BELIEVING IS SEEING

INTRODUCTION

- A. **Seeing is Believing** (I Believe because I See) – or – **Believing is Seeing** (I See because I Believe) _____
- B. Elisha was a prophet of God _____
1. Prophet = Greek word *prophētēs* (*pró* meaning “To tell beforehand, before, in front of” and *phēmi* meaning “to tell, to speak.” A prophet, therefore, is a foreteller of future events.
 2. The role of the prophet was much different from the role of the priest.
 - a. Simply put, the prophet stood before the people on behalf of God, while the priest stood before God on behalf of the people.
 - b. The prophet was the voice of God sharing with the people “Thus says the LORD.”
 - c. While the priests were comforting the afflicted, the prophets were afflicting the comfortable
 - d. It was the prophet, after seeing what God saw, spoke what God said, and challenged the people to do what God desired. Accordingly, the prophets were not the most favored among the people. The prophets were despised, jailed, beaten, ostracized, threatened, accused of sedition, ignored, mistreated and murdered.
 - e. Although the prophets were not favored among the people, they sustained a cherished relationship with God.
 3. Women were called to be prophets/prophetesses
 - a. Miriam (Exodus 15:20)
 - b. Deborah (Judges 4:4)
 - c. Huldah (2 Kings 22:14)
 - d. Noadiah (Nehemiah 6:14)
 - e. The prophetess (Isaiah 8:3)

LORD, OPEN HIS EYES THAT HE MAY SEE

- A. Elisha’s servant saw what he saw _____
- B. Elisha wanted the servant to see what God saw _____

LORD, OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE

- A. I see what I see _____
- B. I want to see what God sees _____

LORD, OPEN THEIR EYES THAT THEY MAY SEE

- A. They see what they see _____
- B. We want them to see what God sees _____