

DESIRE DETERMINES DESTINY

SCRIPTURE: 2 KINGS 2:9-15

INTRODUCTION

A GREAT CHARACTERISTIC OF THE HUMAN CREATURE IS THE ABILITY MEN HAVE TO RECEIVE THE THINGS THEY DESIRE THE MOST. WHEN WE HAVE A GREAT DESIRE, WE WILL PAY THE PRICE TO GET THE THING WE WANT.

I. THE ITINERARY

2 KINGS 2:1 NIV WHEN THE LORD WAS ABOUT TO TAKE ELIJAH UP TO HEAVEN IN A WHIRLWIND ELIJAH AND ELISHA WERE ON THEIR WAY FROM GILGAL.

- A. GILGAL -- ROLLING
 - 1. THE PLACE OF BEGINNINGS
 - 2. HERE THE REPROACH OF EGYPT WAS ROLLED AWAY
 - 3. HERE THE COVENANT WITH GOD WAS RENEWED
- B. BETH-EL -- HOUSE OF GOD
 - 1. THE PLACE OF WORSHIP
 - 2. THE PLACE OF BLESSING
 - 3. HERE JACOB SAW THE VISION OF THE LADDER TO HEAVEN
- C. JERICHO -- FRAGRANT
 - 1. THE PLACE OF CONQUEST
 - 2. THE FIRST VICTORY IN CAANAN
- D. JORDAN -- DESCENDING
 - 1. THE VALLEY EXPERIENCE
 - 2. THE PLACE OF TRIAL AND TESTING
- E. BEYOND JORDAN -- REALM OF THE SPIRIT
 - 1. THE PLACE OF PROMISE
 - 2. THE PLACE OF REWARD

II. THE DESIRE

2 KINGS 2:9 NIV WHEN THEY HAD CROSSED, ELIJAH SAID TO ELISHA, "TELL ME, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU BEFORE I AM TAKEN FROM YOU?" "LET ME INHERIT A DOUBLE PORTION OF YOUR SPIRIT," ELISHA REPLIED.

- A. HIS SPIRITUAL DESIRE

- 1. A DOUBLE PORTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
 - 2. TO BE USED OF GOD DOUBLE THE AMOUNT ELIJAH WAS USED
- B. THE DIFFICULTY OF RECEIVING HIS DESIRE

2 KINGS 2:10 NIV "YOU HAVE ASKED A DIFFICULT THING~" ELIJAH SAID, "YET IF YOU SEE ME WHEN I AM TAKEN FROM YOU, IT WILL BE YOURS -- OTHERWISE NOT."

III. THE DESTINY ACHIEVED

2 KINGS 2:11-12 NIV AS THEY WERE WALKING ALONG AND TALKING TOGETHER, SUDDENLY A CHARIOT OF FIRE AND HORSES OF FIRE APPEARED AND SEPARATED THE TWO OF THEM, AND ELIJAH WENT UP TO HEAVEN IN A WHIRLWIND. ELISHA SAW THIS....

- A. THE MANTLE DESCENDING
 - B. TAKING UP THE MANTLE OF ELIJAH
 - C. USING THE MANTLE OF ELIJAH
- 2 KINGS 2:14B NIV** "WHERE NOW IS THE LORD~ THE GOD OF ELIJAH?" HE ASKED.

IV. DESIRE DETERMINES DESTINY

- A. THE SYRO-PHOENICIAN WOMAN
- B. BLIND BARTIMAEUS
- C. WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD