

THE IMPORTANCE OF WAITING ON GOD

2 Kings 6:24-7:20

I. THE PAIN OF WAITING: SAMARIA WAS UNDER SEIGE AND IN SEVERE FAMINE (2 KINGS 6:24-33).

- A. Aram's king besieged the city creating famine (6:24-25).
- B. Food was astronomically inflated and two women were in dispute after eating one of their sons (6:26-29).
- C. Israel's king tried to kill Elisha, because he urged the king to wait and trust God (6:30-33).

- *Waiting on God is agonizingly painful (Psalm 27).*

II. GOD'S GRACE OR TRAGEDY: GOD DELIVERED ISRAEL BUT THE DOUBTER DIED (2 KINGS 7:1-20).

- A. The king's officer scoffed at Elisha's prophesy that God would deliver and food would be cheap again (7:1-2).
- B. Four lepers from Samaria discovered the Arameans had fled because God terrified them (7:3-7).
- C. When the lepers reported the news, the Israelites plundered the camp and food became cheap (7:8-16).
- D. The doubting officer was trampled to death (7:17-20).

- *Waiting on God is spiritually essential (Psalm 27, etc.).*