

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline 2022

July: Divine Shifts

Week 3 – Divine shift in action

SPECIAL JOINT LIFE GROUP SESSION ON THURSDAY 21 JULY, 8.00-9.15 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Introduction

The bible is full of examples for our education. In it we see flawed men and women of faith who have made mistakes, and yet succeeded in their faith-walk in spite of their imperfections. We learn how *not* to do things. But in many cases, we also see shining examples of how to do things according to God's will. In considering how to operate in a season of divine shifts, we will be considering two examples from scripture today – one from the old testament and another from the new. As we study these today, consider how these stories illustrate the principles we have been learning through this series, and what you can apply to your own life from their examples.

Pilot text

2 Kgs 7:1, 3-5 [NKJV] 1Then Elisha said, “Hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord: ‘Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria.’”

3 Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, “Why are we sitting here until we die? 4 If we say, ‘We will enter the city,’ the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die.” 5 And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one was there.

Matt 3:16-4:11 3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and [b]He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” [Matt 4:1-9 not shown here]

4:10Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

- Consider the story of the 4 lepers in 2 Kgs 7:1-10.

- How did the divine shift unfold in this story?
- Consider the story of Jesus' experience in [Matt 3:17-4:11](#).
 - How did the divine shift unfold in this story?

Take home actions

- For the remainder of this month, make sure to thank God for releasing a divine shift in your life.