

# 2 Kings 4:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

## Analysis

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**And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 4: God's compassionate power through His prophet. The prophetic ministry served as God's primary means of covenant enforcement, calling both kings and people to faithfulness. During this period, Israel and Judah struggled with persistent idolatry, particularly Baal worship introduced under Ahab and Jezebel.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

## Historical Context

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**Historical Setting:** 2 Kings 4 takes place during the Elisha prophetic ministry, approximately 850-800 BCE. The chapter's theme (Elisha's Miracles of Provision and Life) reflects the historical reality of God's compassionate provision through prophetic miracles while both kingdoms struggled with persistent idolatry. Archaeological evidence from this period includes royal inscriptions,

administrative documents, and material culture that corroborate the biblical account while providing additional context for understanding the political and social dynamics at work.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 4 regarding god's compassionate power through his prophet?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's character, particularly His justice, mercy, and faithfulness to covenant promises?
3. In what practical ways should this text shape contemporary Christian thinking about faithfulness, worship, and obedience to God?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>And he went up</b>	<b>and lay</b>	H5921	<b>of the child</b>	<b>and put</b>	H7760	<b>his mouth</b>	H5921	<b>his mouth</b>			
H5927	H7901		H3206		H6310		H6310				
וְלֹא	וְלֹא	וְלֹא	וְלֹא	וְלֹא	וְלֹא	וְלֹא	וְלֹא	וְלֹא	וְלֹא	וְלֹא	וְלֹא
<b>and his eyes</b>	<b>and his eyes</b>	H5921	<b>and his hands</b>	H3709	<b>and his hands</b>	H5921					
H5869	H5869		H3709		H3709						
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<b>and he stretched</b>	H5921	<b>waxed warm</b>	H2552	<b>himself upon the child and the flesh</b>	H1320						
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**of the child**  
H3206

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 17:21** (Parallel theme): And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

**Acts 20:10** (Parallel theme): And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.