

# 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

**Psalms 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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וַיַּעַל	וַיִּשָׁב ב	עַל	הַלֵּד:	וַיִּשֶׂם	פִּי יו	עַל	פִּי יו
And he went up	and lay	H5921	of the child	and put	his mouth	H5921	his mouth
H5927	H7901		H3206	H7760	H6310		H6310
עֵינָיו	עַל	עֵינָיו	כַּף ו	עַל	כַּף ו		
and his eyes	H5921	and his eyes	and his hands	H5921	and his hands		
H5869		H5869	H3709		H3709		
וַגָּה ר	עַל יו	וַיִּחַם	בָּשָׁר ר				
and he stretched	H5921	waxed warm	himself upon the child and the flesh				
H1457		H2552	H1320				
הַלֵּד:							
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.