

# 2 Kings 4:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 4: God's compassionate power through His prophet. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

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

## 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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אֲשֶׁר	אָמַר	וְתִּשְׁאַל	הַנֶּה	אָנָּה	נָאָכָל	עַתִּי	בְּזַעַטִּי	כִּי	אֲשֶׁר
<b>And she said</b>	H413	<b>man</b>	H2009	H4994	<b>Behold now I perceive</b>	H3045		H3588	<b>man</b>
	H559		H376						H376
אֱלֹהִים	וְשָׁאַלְתָּהּ	רַבְתָּהּ	עַבְדָּתְךָ	אֲלֹהִים	תִּמְדִיד:				
<b>of God</b>	<b>that this is an holy</b>	H1931	H5674	<b>which passeth</b>	H5921	<b>by us continually</b>			H8548
H430	H6918								

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 17:24** (References God): And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

**2 Kings 4:7** (References God): Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

**1 Thessalonians 2:10** (References God): Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

**Titus 1:8** (Holy): But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

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