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The **T**heme: **Is it well…?** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext:***Is it well*** *with thee...thy husband...the child? And she answered,* ***It is well****.* II Kgs. 4:26 (18-37)

The **T**hots*:*

1. **The Son’s Death.**
2. The **C**ommencement of Death – *my head, my head.* II Kgs. 4:19
3. Unjustified **R**ebellion begins in the Head – *the whole head is sick* Isa. 1:5
4. It brought about Lucifer’s Downfall – *thou shalt be brought down to hell*. Isa. 14:12-14
5. It brought Man’s Downfall – *she gave…unto her husband with her; and he did eat.* Gen. 3:6
6. It brought about “My” Downfall, *for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.* Rom. 3:23
7. Unreasonable **R**ationalisation goes on in the Head – *no soundness in it* Isa. 1:6
8. But Reasoning is Good – *Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD:* Isa. 1:18
9. And Faith is essential – “*Faith is trusting God’s reason where my reason cannot reach*.” Heb. 11:6
10. The **C**ompulsion of Death
11. Death is a pay**ment** for sins committed – *For the wages of sin is death;* Gen. 3:19; **Rom. 6:23**
12. Death is an Appoint**ment** which must be kept – *it is appointed unto men once to die.* Heb. 9:27
13. Death is an Atone**ment** – *without shedding of blood there is no remission*. Heb. 9:22; I Cor. 15:54-57
14. The **C**onsequences of Death.
15. It is a **C**easing to **S**erve (Function)
16. Separation of **S**oul and **S**pirit from Body.
17. Separation of **S**elf from God.
18. It is a **C**hange of **S**phere.
19. For the Believ**er** – *absent from the body, present with the Lord.* II Cor. 5:8
20. For the Unbeliev**er** i) From Earth to Hades. ii) From Hades to Hell.
21. **The Servant’s Disablement**
22. The **S**earching **I**nquiry – *is it well with thee?* II Kgs. 4:26
23. The Question Asked by Gehazi – A Reply based on Faith in God: *it is well!* 4:26
24. The Question Asked of Gehazi – A Reply based on Faith’s Guarantee: *it shall be well.* 4:22-23, 26
25. The **S**tumbling **I**nsincerity – *Gehazi came near to thrust her away.* 4:27
26. The **P**rofessing Servant – the **N**ominal Christian who stumbles others.
27. The **P**rotesting Servant – the **N**on-Christian who makes it hard for others.
28. The **S**taff’s **I**mpotency – *but there was neither voice, nor hearing…The child is not awaked.* 4:31
29. The Staff of Religi**ous C**eremony – *laid the staff upon the face…*
30. The Staff of Pretent**ious** **C**laims.
31. **The Son’s Deliverance – II Kgs. 4:34, 35**
32. By the **V**irtual “**C**rucifixion of **C**hrist” – **II Kings 4:34**
*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…the flesh of the child waxed warm*
33. By the **V**ital **C**ontact with **C**hrist’s Person. 4:34
34. Eye to **C**onverge on Him – *Looking unto Jesus the Author and finisher of our faith;* Heb. 12:1, 2
35. Mouth to **C**onfess to Him – …*confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus*, Rom. 10:9, 10
36. Hand to **C**ommit unto Him –*…neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand…*

 *and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand.*

1. The **V**ictorious **C**ommunication of **C**hris’s Life. 4:34, 35
2. Life is in Christ – *…God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.* I Jn. 5:11
3. Life is given by Christ – *I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish…* Jn. 10:28
4. Life in Christ – *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation…* II Cor. 5:17, NKJV
5. **The Seven Sneezes of life:** **II Kgs. 4:35**
6. Obedience – *Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.* I Jn. 2:3-5
7. Walking in the Light – *…walk in the light, as He is in the light…*  1:7
8. Doing righteousness – …*ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of Him.* 2:29
9. Ceasing to live in Sin – *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin.* 3:9
10. Loving the brethren – *We have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.* 3:14; 4:7
11. Having the Spirit’s Witness – *We know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit…given us.* 3:24; 4:13; 5:16
12. Overcoming the World – *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world:* 5:4

*When peace, like a river, Attendeth my way,*

*When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot,*

*Thou has taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

*It is well, with my soul, It is well, with my soul,*

 *It is well, it is well, with my soul.* Horatio G. Spafford

**POINTS TO PONDER R. 954**

1. **II Kings 4:25-26** - *So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite: Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her,*

*Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child?*

*And she answered,* ***It is well.***

There was this hospitable wealthy Shunammite woman who was ever so kind and generous to the prophet Elisha. *So whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for a meal.*

(II Kgs. 4:8) She even built a small chamber in her house for him to rest in whenever he passed by (4:11). Thus, Elijah returned her this favour by predicting that one day this childless elderly lady would have a son; and true enough… *the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life*. (4:17)

However, when the child grew up and was helping his father in the harvesting field, he experienced a sunstroke and died. The mother then rushed out to seek Elisha at Mt. Carmel. From far away, Elisha saw her and sent his servant Gehazi to meet her.

*Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child?* ***And she answered, It is well.*** (4:26)

Her confidence in Elisha and his God to do her good in her present condition of sadness and grief to be able to reply, “***It is well***” was indeed way beyond any human reaction at this particular time. She had just one mission in mind – to meet the man of God, to tell her what happened and to leave it to him to seek his God to aid her. For that, she was one-minded knowing that only Elijah’s God Who gave her her child would be the Only One who could restore him back to her. Yes, she replied, “*It is well*” to cut short any further questions from or discussion with Elijah’s servant; she was at peace (*well*, Heb.= *shalom*).She knew whom she wanted to see and who could really help her – Elisha and his God!

And of course, she was right!

II Kings 4:32-37 – *And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. And he went up, and lay upon the child…and stretched himself upon him: and* ***the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes****. And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said,* ***Take up thy son****. Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.*

It may not be a dead child but it could still be a very critical calamity that could cause you much anxiety, sadness, grief, and such-like sorrows today. You are as if tossed around in a drifting boat in a stormy sea faced with a crisis in your life.

Can you hear the Lord saying to you, “*Peace be still*”; *Peace be unto you*”?

And you, with much confidence, to reply assuredly, “*It is well with my soul*.”

Can you trust Him to work out all things well for you?**REFLECT**

1. **John 11:11-15** – ***he shall do well****,* was the response Jesus’ disciples gave when He told them *our friend Lazarus sleepeth*…when Jesus was speaking *of his death: but they thought that He had spoken of taking of rest in sleep*. Thus, later He had to speak to *them plainly, Lazarus is dead*. *And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.* That was because later Jesus was then able to demonstrate to them that indeed He was *the Resurrection and the Life* (11:25) by raising Lazarus from the dead. So, Lazarus’ death turned out to be an event that indeed turned out ***well***! – demonstrating in a wonderful and practical way the truth of God’s promise to His own – *We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.* (Rom. 8:28).

Do you believe it? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *Know His* ***P****erson,* ***P****romise and* ***P****urpose and All* ***W****ill* ***W****ork out* ***W****ell!*