

A Prophet Approved

Faith can seem like a profound leap. It can make us nervous. God does not leave us alone in our faith. He comes alongside us and shows us why we can trust Him.

Scripture(s): 2 Kings 2:15-25

Remember this - God repeatedly shows why we _____ believe in Him. (God affirms the faith of His people.)

I. The first declaration of God's approval of Elisha is God proves that Elisha is _____. Our advice becomes trustworthy when and only when we reflect God's _____.

Psalms 19:7-13 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether. 10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; In keeping them there is great reward. 12 Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults. 13 Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; Let them not rule over me; Then I will be blameless, And I shall be acquitted of great transgression.

II. The second declaration of God's approval of Elisha is God brings _____ through him. Salvation, not temporary blessing, is the true mark that God is for us.

Luke 19:8-10 8 Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

III. The third declaration of God's approval of Elisha is God _____ Elisha's call. God's defense of His people always declares that believing in Him is not a _____.

Joel 2:26-29 26 "You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; Then My people will never be put to shame. 27 "Thus you will know that I am in the midst of Israel, And that I am the LORD your God, And there is no other; And My people will never be put to shame. 28 " It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. 29 "Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Our challenge: Be people who put our doubts in the _____ where they belong.

What doubts about Jesus will you lay to rest?

What Scripture urges you to do that?

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