

THIS TIME TOMORROW

2 Kings 7:1–2

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Introduction

To understand our text today, we must first step into the context of 2 Kings 6. The city of Samaria was surrounded by the Syrian army. This siege was so severe that famine had completely paralyzed the nation. Food was so scarce that a donkey's head was selling for eighty pieces of silver, and dove's dung was being bought for five pieces of silver. Humanity had descended into sheer horror—mothers were agreeing to boil their own children just to survive the night (2 Kings 6:24–29).

In that state of absolute hopelessness, the king of Israel blamed God and sought to kill the prophet, Elisha. Desperation had reached its absolute peak. But God's favorite hour to move is when human effort has completely run out. Man's extremity is always God's opportunity. Let's read **2 Kings 7:1–2**:

Then Elisha said, 'Hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord: "Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria."' Then an officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God and said, 'Look, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, could this thing be?' And he said, 'In fact, you shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it.'"

Point 1: The Prophetic Decree—God's Ability to Shift Realities Overnight

Notice how Elisha starts: *"Hear the word of the Lord."* He didn't start with a political strategy, an economic bailout, or a military assessment.

When circumstances look dead, the first thing we must align with is not human analysis, but the Word of God.

The economy said, "Impossible."

The siege said, "Impossible."

Hunger said, "Impossible."

But God's Word said, "By this time tomorrow..."

God was promising that in less than 24 hours, an entire national economy would flip upside down. A city on the brink of mass starvation would move into overwhelming abundance. Fine flour—the highest quality food—would be sold at normal, dirt-cheap prices right at the gate of Samaria.

Key Takeaway:

God is not limited by human timelines:

We think breakthroughs require years of gradual recovery. God shows here that He can compress decades of restoration into a single day.

God Speaks Hope in Hopeless Situations

When circumstances say, *"It is over,"* God says, *"Tis Time Tomorrow."*

God is not limited by economic crises, inflation, or impossible situations.

Key verse: Jeremiah 32:27 – *"Is there anything too hard for me?"*

God changes conditions from the inside out: He speaks the outcome before the physical environment shifts. Faith demands that we listen to what God **says** rather than looking only at what the environment **shows**.

Key verse: Psalm 126:1.

Point 2: The Officer's Cynicism—How Intellect and Doubt Blind Us

Right after this bold prophecy, we meet the royal officer—the king's right-hand man. Look at his response: **Look, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, could this thing be?"**

This officer represents the voice of human cynicism. **He was a man of numbers, logistics, and military tactics.** Economically speaking, his math made sense: there was no grain in the city, no trading routes open, and the enemy was outside the walls. To him, Elisha's words sounded like absurd madness.

The Danger of Intellectual Doubt:

Limiting God to Our Mechanics: The officer believed that **even if** God intervened, He would have to literally cut holes in the sky to rain down flour. He tried to prescribe **how** God ought to perform a miracle. God didn't open windows in

heaven; He simply made the Syrian army hear the sound of phantom chariots, causing them to flee and leave all their supplies behind.

The prophecy contradicted everything visible, yet God's Word prevailed.

Faith believes God's promise even when it seems impossible.

Key verse: Isaiah 55:11.

Leaning on Human Support: Scripture points out he was the officer "on whose hand the king leaned." He relied heavily on position, intellect, and human authority. But human logic without divine revelation creates a fortress of doubt.

Key verse: **Hebrews 11:6.**

Point 3: The Tragedy of Seeing Without Partaking—The Cost of Unbelief

Elisha looks at this royal officer and delivers a sobering judgment: *"You shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it."*

Later in **2 Kings 7**, God used four lepers—the most rejected, unlikely people—to discover that the Syrian camp was deserted. The news reached Samaria, and the starving citizens rushed out to plunder the camp. Fine flour was sold for a shekel, exactly as spoken.

Where was the officer? The king placed him in charge of the gate to maintain order. But the panicked, desperate crowd trampled him to death at the gateway. He saw the miracle with his eyes, but died

without tasting a single bite. (2 *Kings* 7:17-20).

Unbelief doesn't stop God from working; it simply stops 'you' from benefiting from what He is doing.

Practical Applications

- Believe God's Word even when circumstances contradict it.
- Avoid negative speech that weakens faith.
- Keep trusting while waiting for God's timing.

Conclusion

This passage presents two voices:

Elisha's voice—the voice of God's promise.

The officer's voice—the voice of doubt.

Every believer must decide which voice to believe.

God still specializes in turning famine into abundance, despair into hope, and impossibility into testimony. When He speaks, our responsibility is not to calculate the odds but to trust His Word.

"Which voice are you listening to today—the voice of your circumstances or the voice of God?"

Let's respond in faith, believing that the God who transformed Samaria in one day is still able to intervene suddenly in every area of life.

- Encourage faith in others rather than spreading doubt.

Illustration

Imagine a farmer who receives a weather forecast that rain is coming after a long drought. One farmer prepares his fields in expectation; another mocks the forecast and does nothing. When the rain comes, only the prepared farmer is ready to benefit. Likewise, faith prepares for what God has promised.

Choose faith instead of fear and doubt.