

# A Day Of Good News

(2 Kings 7:1-20)

- Introduction:
1. As Christians, we have been the recipients of the greatest news ever heard.
  2. What we then do with that news is one of the challenges we face as a Christian.
  3. In this lesson, we wish to examine some reactions we face when the good news is shared and to embolden courage within us.

## I. Common Reactions To The Gospel

- A. Disbelief (Acts 17:5).
- B. Anger (Acts 7:54).
- C. Ridicule (Acts 2:13; Acts 17:32).
- D. Acceptance (Acts 2:41).
- E. The negative reactions outnumber the positive ones.

## II. Excuses Are Often Offered When Asked To Do Something Difficult

- A. (Exodus 3) Moses made excuses.
- B. (Jeremiah 1:6-7) Jeremiah made excuses.
- C. (Luke 14:16-24) The world makes excuses.
- D. We have been called to evangelize the lost - are we working at this, or are we making excuses?

## III. Excuses Often Used

- A. I just can't do it; I'm afraid.
  1. (1 John 5:3).
  2. (Philippians 4:13).
  3. (Revelation 21:8).
- B. I don't know how and I don't know enough.
  1. Did that keep you from walking, talking, cooking, driving a car, etc.?
  2. We can learn how.
  3. (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
  4. (Hebrews 5:12-6:3).
- C. People don't want to study and obey the truth.
  1. Says who?
  2. Would you have considered Saul of Tarsus a prospect (1 Tim. 1:12-13)?
- D. That's not my personality.
  1. (Romans 1:16) The power to save is in the message, not the messenger.
- E. I've tried and have been unsuccessful.
  1. (Galatians 6:9).
  2. (Luke 8:5-15).

- Conclusion:
1. Brethren, we're the recipients of good news!
  2. It is not right to keep silent.
  3. May God help us to be courageous enough to share the good news.