



# God's Heart in Prayer

## 2 Kings

If you have not gone through the Introductory Basis Lessons teaching on the different facets of Biblical Meditation, please consider this first to get the most out of the following lessons.

2 Kings 1:1-15, a heart prepared

**Principle:** Intercessors need God's heart to pray His prayers.

### Preparing your heart

You can take a specific quiet time, ask God to search Your heart for any known sin, any hindrance to prayer, OR as you praise and worship and/or meditate in the Word, if you are open the Holy Spirit will bring to mind anything you need to deal with.

### Context:

The injured king of Israel sends soldiers to inquire of the local pagan god, Baal-Zebub, (the Lord of the Flies, a name of Satan) if he will recover. This is Ahab and Jezebel's son, now king over the northern ten tribes. His idolatry is challenged by Elijah, the prophet who sends a message to the king that he will die because he did not come to the God of Israel for healing.

Kings have great influence over those they rule and great accountability to God for this reason. Then the king sends a company of 51 soldiers to seize Elijah. When the soldiers command Elijah to come down, he calls down the fire of God and they are killed.

The second group of soldiers dies the same way; now there are 102 soldiers dead. The king sends a third company and the officer in charge pleads for his life and the life of his men.

**2 Kings 1:13** - shows God's heart

**“Man of God, please let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight.”**

**Response:** Intercessors are called by God to represent Him in prayer. Each life is created by God having purpose and plan; each life needs to be **precious in your sight**.

**v14** The captain repeats his plea, **“Look, fire has come down from heaven and burned up the first two captains of fifties with their fifties. But let my life now be precious in your sight.”**  
**Can you see life, even that of an enemy as precious in God's sight?**

**v15 “And the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, ‘Go down with him; Do not be afraid of him.’ So Elijah arose and went down with them to the king.”**

**Context:** Remember God is just in all His ways. Always look at the text in context. This is not like Jesus rebuking James and John for wanting to call down fire from heaven and kill the Samaritans who would not receive them. (Luke 9:54)

This was judgment on an evil king not looking to Jehovah for healing, but looking to a pagan god, the demonic realm. Baal-Zebub was the Canaanite Baal (false god) worshipped at Philistine Ekron. This was the god that Jezebel worshipped. Both the scribes and Jesus identified this god as the ruler of demons, Satan, in Mark 3:22,23.

Ahab’s son sent soldiers to arrest Elijah, not just talk to him. He knew what Elijah had done to those who worshipped false gods and to his mother, Jezebel. 1Kings 18:19:40 tells of Elijah’s victory over the false prophets who ate at Jezebel’s table.

**Response:** Ask God for His heart to pray for the unsaved. Let this Word challenge you and soften your heart. Your response will touch others in the Body of Christ.

**Application:** Pray out the insights you received.

