

Introduction

- I. One of the great dangers we face is we become blind to God's everyday blessings.
- II. God uses afflictions to open our eyes to His gracious gifts and to strengthen our faith in His Word.

**The Prophet Standing for Jehovah
(4) Raised to Life**

I. The Sudden Affliction

- A. The death of the widow's son came unexpectedly, seemingly out of nowhere.
 1. After God miraculously provides, tragedy strikes this woman's life.

2. The response of this woman is that she is furious with the man of God.

- B. Sudden afflictions and trials come upon us also.

II. The Amazing Miracle

- A. The Lord performed an amazing miracle when He raised the widow's son from the dead.
 1. Elijah takes her son into his room and laid him on his bed out of the sight of the widow.

2. We learn why the Lord performed this miracle from the words of Jesus in John 9:3, "neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be manifest in him."

- B. Notice that this wonder was performed by God through a prayer of faith.

III. The Growing Faith

- A. In Elijah and the widow we see a growing faith.

- B. This is what God is working in our lives through the afflictions He sends.