Introduction: This woman was not a leader like Moses, never faced death as Daniel, did not go to war as Deborah, she did not save her people like Esther. She lived an average life in service to God. She lived during difficult times; immoral conduct, famine, and wars.

**I) Service and Hospitality, vv. 8-11**

**A) She did not approach life thinking of what she could not do.**

**B) She could**

**C) This woman could**

**D) This woman said,**

**E) It is a mistake to excuse ourselves from service**

1. We do not all have the same abilities and opportunities, **1 Corinthians12.26-30; Galatians 6.10**

2. God's works requires the effort of all His servants, **Ephesians 4.15-16**

**F) Service to God is not on what others are doing.**

1. The real point, "Am I doing what I can for God?"

2. Those who look to what others are doing are looking at the lowest common denominator.

**G) We need to have the same qualities.**

1. Use our homes to serve God.

2. How many houses did Elisha pass by?

**II) She Showed Contentment- I will dwell among my people, vv. 11-13**

**A) What is to be done for you?**

1. How would you have responded?

2. Her service was not based on self gratification.

**B) We live in a world looking for contentment- sex, alcohol, drugs, violence, etc.**

1. Contentment is , **Phil. 4.11.**

2. Not based on what you have but on .

**C) This woman knew how to forget herself, and serve God, Phil. 4.6-7**

**III) She Had Faith In God-- It is well, vv. 18ff**

**A) The promise of a .**

**B) The child gets**

1. What would you have done?

2. She went to the prophet of God.

**C) When asked, v. 26**

1. She trusted in God, despite the lifeless body.

2. She knew God's power, **Matthew 17.20; Luke 18.8**

Conclusion: Who should not obey the Gospel at this time? Those who do not believe in , **Hebrews 11.6.** Those who do not believe in , **John 8.24.** Those who have no , **1 Timothy 1.15.** Those who desire to , **Romans 1.16.** Those who are not willing to submit to God's will, **Revelation 2.10.**