A white cross stands on a large, mossy rock in the foreground. The background features a scenic landscape with a blue lake, green hills, and mountains under a cloudy sky. A bird is visible in the upper left. The text "HAVE YOU GOT A PRAYER?" is overlaid in the center.

**HAVE YOU GOT A
PRAYER?**

(2 Kings 6:24-26 NLT)

Some time later, however, King Benhadad of Aram mobilized his entire army and besieged Samaria. As a result there was a great famine in the city. After a while even a donkey's head sold for two pounds of silver, and a cup of dove's dung cost about two ounces of silver.

One day as the king of Israel was walking along the wall of the city, a woman called to him, "Please help me, my lord the king!"

(2 Kings 6:27-29 NLT)

“If the LORD doesn’t help you, what can I do?” he retorted. “I have neither food nor wine to give you.” But then the king asked, “What is the matter?”

She replied, “This woman proposed that we eat my son one day and her son the next. So we cooked my son and ate him. Then the next day I said, ‘Kill your son so we can eat him,’ but she had hidden him.”



(2 Kings 6:30-31 NLT)

When the king heard this, he tore his clothes in despair. And as the king walked along the wall, the people could see that he was wearing sackcloth underneath next to his skin. “May God kill me if I don’t execute Elisha son of Shaphat this very day,” the king vowed.

(2 Kings 6:32-33 NLT)

Elisha was sitting in his house at a meeting with the leaders of Israel when the king sent a messenger to summon him. But before the messenger arrived, Elisha said to the leaders, "A murderer has sent a man to kill me. When he arrives, shut the door and keep him out. His master will soon follow him."

While Elisha was still saying this, the messenger arrived. And the king said, "It is the LORD who has brought this trouble on us! Why should I wait any longer for the LORD?"

(2 Kings 7:1-2 NLT)

Elisha replied, "Hear this message from the LORD! This is what the LORD says: By this time tomorrow in the markets of Samaria, five quarts of fine flour will cost only half an ounce of silver, and ten quarts of barley grain will cost only half an ounce of silver."

The officer assisting the king said to the man of God, "That couldn't happen even if the LORD opened the windows of heaven!"

But Elisha replied, "You will see it happen, but you won't be able to eat any of it!"

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The Role of Government

(2 Kings 6:26-27 NLT)

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

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Point : 1

Government was never meant to be a savior.



(Romans 13:1-3 NLT)

Obey the government, for God is the one who put it there. All governments have been placed in power by God. So those who refuse to obey the laws of the land are refusing to obey God, and punishment will follow. For the authorities do not frighten people who are doing right, but they frighten those who do wrong. So do what they say, and you will get along well.

(Romans 13:4-5 NLT)

The authorities are sent by God to help you. But if you are doing something wrong, of course you should be afraid, for you will be punished. The authorities are established by God for that very purpose, to punish those who do wrong. So you must obey the government for two reasons: to keep from being punished and to keep a clear conscience.



(1 Tim 2:1-4 NLT)

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God's mercy upon them, and give thanks. Pray this way for kings and all others who are in authority, so that we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, for he wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

A photograph of a white cross standing on a large, dark, mossy rock. The cross is positioned in the center-left of the frame. In the background, there is a blue lake, green hills, and mountains under a cloudy sky. A bird is visible in the upper left corner. The text "Our Response to God" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Our Response to God

(2 Kings 6:33 NLT)

While Elisha was still saying this, the messenger arrived. And the king said, "It is the LORD who has brought this trouble on us! Why should I wait any longer for the LORD?"



(2 Chron 7:14 NLT)

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land.



What must we do?

- Humble ourselves
- Pray
- Seek God's Face
- Turn from our wicked ways





(Acts 3:19-20 NLT)

Now turn from your sins and turn to God, so you can be cleansed of your sins. Then wonderful times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will send Jesus your Messiah to you again.



(Hosea 6:1-3 NLT)

“Come, let us return to the LORD! He has torn us in pieces; now he will heal us. He has injured us; now he will bandage our wounds. In just a short time, he will restore us so we can live in his presence. Oh, that we might know the LORD! Let us press on to know him! Then he will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring.”

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Point : 2

Repent to God and He will refresh us.

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Jesus our Example

Jesus Our Example:

- **He prayed for direction (Mark 1:35)**
- **He Prayed when He was Baptized (Luke 3:21)**
- **He would often get alone and pray (Luke 5:16)**
- **Before making important decisions He prayed (Luke 6:12-13)**
- **Before facing trouble He prayed (Luke 22:39-41)**

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Point : 3

Jesus modeled prayer for us.

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God's hand is not short

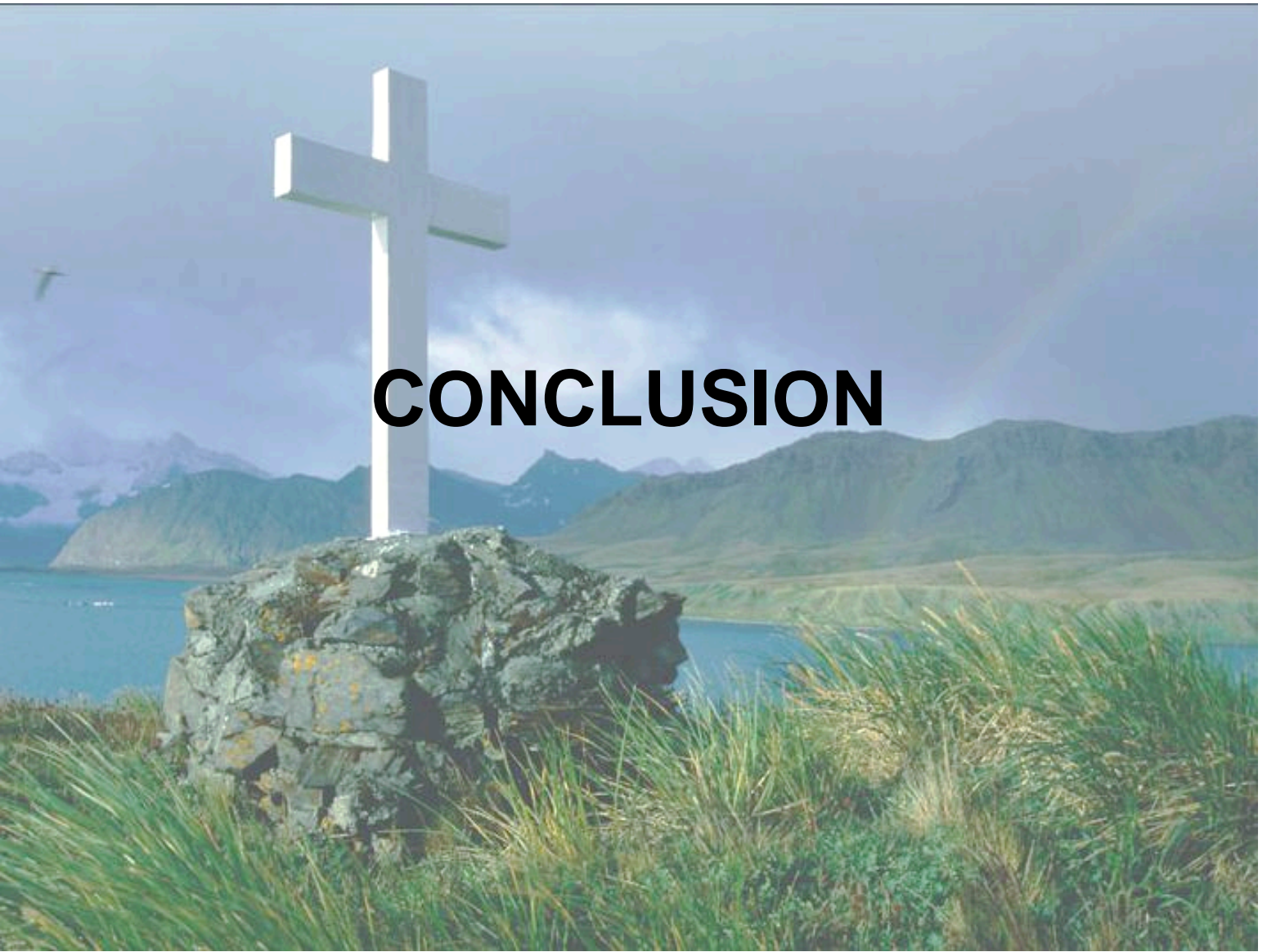
(2 Kings 7:5-7 NLT)

So that evening they went out to the camp of the Arameans, but no one was there! For the Lord had caused the whole army of Aram to hear the clatter of speeding chariots and the galloping of horses and the sounds of a great army approaching. "The king of Israel has hired the Hittites and Egyptians to attack us!" they cried out. So they panicked and fled into the night, abandoning their tents, horses, donkeys, and everything else, and they fled for their lives.

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Point : 4

God' hand is not short, He answers prayer.



CONCLUSION