



2 Kings 6:1-7 (NIV).

The company of the prophets said to Elisha, “Look, the place where we meet with you is too small for us. ² Let us go to the Jordan, where each of us can get a pole; and let us build a place there for us to meet.”

And he said, “Go.”

³ Then one of them said, “Won’t you please come with your servants?”

“I will,” Elisha replied. ⁴ And he went with them.

They went to the Jordan and began to cut down trees. ⁵ As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water. “Oh no, my lord!” he cried out. “It was borrowed!”

⁶ The man of God asked, “Where did it fall?” When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float. ⁷ “Lift it out,” he said. Then the man reached out his hand and took it.

Here is a meeting where Elisha had with the sons of the prophets. They expressed to their prophet-leader that we need to make a change.

The prophets place where we are living is too limited for us.

The prophets place was their headquarters, they lived there received teachings there prophesied there. The Hebrew literally reads, “where we sit before you,” and implies that some sort of place for instruction was being described.

Things were going good until, verse 5. He called out to Elisha, explaining that the axe head he was using was borrowed (v. 6). Loss of the tool would have put him in debt causing a financial burden he would be unable to bear.

THE LOST AXE-HEAD

The lost ax head represents a valuable tool, possibly a gift given. Every man took a beam, with the mind and will to work. The prophets wanted to make room for something greater. As believers of the Lord Jesus Christ we ought to want others saved, will workers and growing in the things of God. I noticed a few things from this passage: **1. One is the power of insight**, allows us to see greater to expect greater to be greater than what we have. That is not greed but a desire to see the vision of God fulfilled. **2. The Power of assertiveness**, passion for the possessions and power of God working in our lives.

The Power of assertiveness shows our power of personal action, they were not just talking about what should be done; they took action on it as well.

These two gifts Elisha possessed. Elisha identifies himself with the **Prophets of Progress**.

Elisha as their leader allows them to flow in their gifts while he yet brings them in to unity of their work.

The sons of the prophets were prophets that wanted to be used by God to do a work for God.

When believers walk in the inspiration and power of God anything can and will happen.

Your ministry is powerful, you are powerful in the hands of God.

Hold on to what God has put in your hands because it is precious.

Notice that each prophet had his own beam and got busy working as a unit to accomplish **something great for God**.

We ought to use our gifts to glorify God.

Don't be like the man who dropped his ax head, firstly it wasn't his and he was careless with someone else's property.

The problem for the man and the group is: 1. The man can't work, now that affects the group.

2. The project is slowed down and may cause others to stop working.

Even though he messed up he fessed up and got up and did something about his problem.

He wanted to carry out the work is still before him, but the power of carrying on the work has dropped from his hand, slipping into the stream. **When the ax head fell so did his hope fall.**

Elisha stands beside a man and encourages him, letting him know that the situation is not hopeless. You may have messed up, dropped the ball, but you can get back up again. Elisha gives the man hope so he can walk in his great purpose.

Ascertaining where the ax head had fallen into the water Elisha threw a stick into the river. Miraculously the iron implement floated to the surface. The workman was able to retrieve it easily.