

“Seeing the Unseen”

2 Kings 6:8-23



1. The Power To See When Life Is In Turmoil (8-14)

- a. The reality of the battle (8) - “Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, "At such and such a place shall be my camp.”
- b. The resistance to the battle (9-10) - “But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there." 10 And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice.”
- c. The relentlessness of the battle (11-14)
 - i. A frustrated enemy (11-12)
 - ii. A focused enemy (13)
 - iii. A furious enemy (14)

2. The Provision To See When Victory Is In Order (15-17)

- a. Eyes opened to panic (15) - “When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" He had not learned to see beyond the external challenges
- b. Eyes opened in peace (16) - “He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”
- c. Eyes opened by power (17) - “Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.” They had been there the whole time but unseen!

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3. The Privilege To See When Wisdom Is Needed (18-23)

- a. Elisha saw how to handle his emergency (18-20) - And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. 19 And Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria. 20 As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, "O Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So the Lord opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria."

Elisha did not fear. Elisha did not flee. Elisha did not fight. Elisha focused.

- b. Elisha saw how to handle his enemy (21-23a) - "21 As soon as the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I strike them down? Shall I strike them down?" 22 He answered, "You shall not strike them down. Would you strike down those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master. 23a So he prepared for them a great feast, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master..."

Romans 12:17-21 - "Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

- c. Elisha saw how God wins the battle (23b) - "...and the Syrians did not come again on raids into the land of Israel."