



Get Over Yourself Part 3

Beyond my Limits

Scripture Readings

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Introduction

In our 2 Biblical lessons, we explored 2 different aspects of "Getting Over Ourselves" and even though some may experience an initial shock of hearing the phrase, we've learned that it is not an insult or a put down of oneself, but rather it is an acknowledgement that there is Someone greater than you; a plan beyond your understanding, and Presence that is often hidden from your natural perceptions. It is during these times when we understand that there is much more going on around us than meets the eye.

I want to encourage you with a very simple mathematical yet spiritual truth. You have more divine help supplied for you than you have evil forces working against you.

Revelation 12:7-11 tells us how Satan and his angels who rebelled against God were thrown out of Heaven.

7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, 8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Verse 4 tells us that this dragon's tail drew 1 third of the angels down with him.

So let's do the math. If 1 third of the angels were cast out it means that 2 thirds prevailed and remain on the Lord's side! So it means that on ANY given day, Satan is outnumbered and cannot prevail against you. Why? Because you have too much support available to you.

There are some things that should have destroyed you, even when those same things had a grip and stronghold over your life. But for some reason, they could not destroy you or end you because God had His angels to keep charge over you. You are walking today because of the faithful work of God and His angels!

More for You Than Against You

Our opening Scripture in 2 Kings 6:15-17 brings us into the time of Elisha the prophet (the one who received the anointed mantle of Elijah). And the same anointing that was on Elijah was operating on Elisha and it was a double-portion! Israel's enemy, the king of Syria was trying to wage war against Israel and Bible states that he tried to setup ambushes and encampments in certain regions so that

if Israel's army ever went through those regions, they would be slaughtered. But every place he decided to go and wait in ambush, God was protecting Israel by telling the prophet Elisha exactly where they were hiding so Israel wouldn't go there and get ambushed.

Have you ever felt like you were being protected from something that normally you would have been unaware of or something you would have usually done, or somewhere you would have usually gone, but for some reason, God didn't have you go that way today, only to find out that there as a danger waiting for you there...but God didn't let you go that way?

The prophet Elijah was seeing and hearing in the Spirit and knew exactly where the king of Syria and his army were hiding. After months of this, the king of Syria was getting upset and frustrated and said to his advisors—"one of y'all is a mole!" "Someone here is informing on our whereabouts." "Who is snitching to Israel on our plans." But his advisers replied:

2 Kings 6:12-17 (NKJV)

12 And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."

13 So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him."

And it was told him, saying, "Surely he is in Dothan."

14 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. 15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

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A powerful prayer to pray over yourself or someone else who feels so defeated, outnumbered, outspent, outsmarted, out of options: "LORD open my eyes." Help me to see. Help my loved one to see that 'there are more with us than with them!'

Elisha was intimating, I know the enemy looks fierce, but you don't see what I see! And when his servant's eyes were opened, he saw the mountains around them full of horses and chariots and Elisha was surrounded by chariots of fire. Elisha's predecessor Elijah was whisked away to heaven in a chariot of fire. But for Elisha's time, those chariots of fire arrived to fight!

The Ministry of Angels

Angels have a ministry that is greater than any assignment given to devils because angels operate with a greater power! They minister to us in ways we often fail to understand and sometimes perceive. The ministry of angels includes the ministry of:

Reinforcement 2 Kings 6:15-17

For Elisha, the angels and chariots of fire surrounded the valley he was in even while being surrounded by the king of Syria's army. There were more angels there than Syrian soldiers.

Nourishment 1 Kings 19:4-8

When Elijah was in a cave, depressed, weakened and in fear of his life, the Lord sent an angel to feed him food. That food strengthened Elijah and empowered him to outrun Ahab's chariots across the wilderness. That was some kind of heavenly protein!

Delivery and Deliverance Matthew 4:11

When Jesus had fasted 40 days and 40 nights and then went into a period of grueling temptations by Satan, Jesus overcame those temptations and afterwards, angels came and ministered to Him with food to replenish His natural body. Also when Jesus had been depleted in sorrow and in body in the Garden of Gethsemane, angels came and fed Him in **Luke 22:43**.

Acts 12

When Peter had been arrested and would be killed, the early Church went into prayer together, and an angel came in response and entered the prison cell where Peter was and without keys, caused Peter's chains to fall off of him. He touched Peter on his leg and told him to get up and follow him out of the prison in the midst of sleeping guards.

Announcement

Throughout the Scriptures, the angels announce what God has pronounced, like messengers delivering God's Word to mankind. The defining beginnings or ends of an age, an era, a season, an appointed time. These announcements cannot be unheard, undone or unrealized. They come to pass with surety. From the coming of the Lord Jesus Himself to the coming judgements upon the Earth.

Protection

Psalm 91 tells us that God will "give His angels charge over you..." and Psalm 34:7 tells us that "The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him." Daniel 6 shows us the protective power of angels when Daniel has been thrown into the lion's den as a punishment for praying to God instead of praying to the king. The lions' mouths were shut and they were prevented from feasting on Daniel. Daniel didn't have to fight his punishment because God sent an angel and preserved him

from danger in the den.

Psalms 121:7-8 (NKJV)

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;

He shall preserve your soul.

8 The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in

From this time forth, and even forevermore.

The Heavy Lifting

When the Mary's went to minister to the dead Body of Jesus, they feared that they would meet opposition by the Roman soldiers. But when they arrived, the angel had already rolled the stone away revealing the empty tomb where Jesus was and the angel delivered the message to these women that Jesus is not here! He is Risen!

Conclusion

Angels often minister to God's servants at the limits of human strength. Do you feel like you are at your limit? You know your desire is to do what God asks you to do, but you've gone as far as you can go. Do not be disheartened, dismayed or feel dismissed. God has angels to minister to you and bring you through in great victory and deliverance. Not every cup of hardship will pass you by, but His angels will refill and recharge you to finish the journey. Not every opposition will be removed for you to see right away, but when you arrive at the moment of truth, you'll discover that a huge stone has been rolled away. Not every threat will be immediately expelled, but you'll discover that there are more angels with you than enemies against you. **The** enemy has never had the numerical advantage. He has never had the strategic advantage. He has never had the authority. He has never had the final word.

The Lord has always had more working for His people than hell has ever had working against them. God will prevail for you!

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