

AN ARMY OF ANGELS

2 KINGS 6:16

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Syrians went to war against Israel.
 - a) **2 Kings 6.8-10:** Elisha warned the king of a Syrian ambush.
 - b) **2 Kings 6.11-15:** The king of Syria went after Elisha.
 - c) **2 Kings 6.16-18:** Elisha was protected by an army of angels.
2. **2 KINGS 6.16:** *“So he answered, ‘Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’”* (Ps. 103.20,21)

I. THE PRESENCE OF ANGELS

- A. **2 Kings 6.16:** *“Do not fear, for those who are...”*
- B. Angels are created beings.
 1. **Psalm 145.1-5:** Of the three heavens that exist, angels live in the third heaven. (cf. 1 Cor. 12.2)
 2. Angels are spirit beings just like you and me, but with one significant difference. (Heb. 1.7; 2.6,7)

II. THE PROVIDENCE OF ANGELS

- A. **2 Kings 6.16:** *“Do not fear, for those who are with us...”*
- B. How are angels with us?
 1. Do children have guardian angels? (Matt. 18.10)
 2. Do we have guardian angels? (Luke 16.22; Acts 12.15)
 3. **Hebrews 1.14:** *“Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”*
 4. What about misfortune? (Ps. 91.1,2,11,12)

III. THE POWER OF ANGELS

- A. **2 Kings 6.16:** *“Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”*
- B. Two possibilities.
 1. Angels are more in number. (cf. Rev. 5.11)
 2. Angels are more in power. (CF. 2 Sam. 24.15,16)

CONCLUSION: With angels all around, Elisha offers three words of courage: *“Do not fear.”* (cf. Matt. 8.26)

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-Mark 16.15

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM

“Arise and be Baptized”

One of the greatest examples of baptism comes from a man known as Paul. His conversion is recorded three times in the Bible (Acts 9,22,26). Let’s briefly look at the account found in Acts 22.

ACTS 22.1-5: Paul recounts how he persecuted the church in every city. He then received authorization to go to Damascus and bring Christians into custody (cf. Acts 26.9-12).

ACTS 22.6-10: As Paul was on the road to Damascus, Jesus appeared to him. Paul asked, *“What shall I do, Lord?”* (v. 10; cf. Acts 9.3-6). Jesus said to go to Damascus where he would be told what to do (Acts 22.10).

ACTS 22.11-15: He goes to Damascus and is told that he will be *“the voice of His mouth”* (v. 14). Paul had been chosen to preach the gospel to Jews and Gentiles (Acts 9.15). Before he could do that, he still had to do something.

ACTS 22.16: *“And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”* Jesus told him to go to Damascus where he would be told what he must do. In Damascus, Ananias tells him what he must do: *“arise and be baptized”*. He then tells him why he must do it: *“and wash away your sins”* Baptism is immersion for the purpose of washing away sins.

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PERFECTING HOLINESS

2 CORINTHIANS 7:1

INTRODUCTION:

1. If you are a faithful Christian, you are already perfect in the eyes of God. You are right with God. (2 Cor. 7.1; 1 Cor. 2.6)
2. Even though we are perfect, there is still room to grow and become even better. (Phil. 3.12; Heb. 6.1)
3. As the people of God, we are to become more and more separated from the world. (Rom. 12.1; 1 Cor. 1.4-7)

I. THE RICHES THEY RECEIVED

- A. **1 CORINTHIANS 1.4:** *“I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you”*
1. Through the grace of God, the Corinthians were *“enriched in everything”* (1 Cor. 1.5)
 2. That which they received was *“utterance and knowledge”* (1 Cor. 1.5). Spiritual gifts.
- C. Consider the miraculous gifts of the Spirit.
1. **1 CORINTHIANS 12.4-6:** There were diversities of gifts, ministries, and activities.
 2. **1 CORINTHIANS 12.4-6:** All three deities were involved in the administration of these gifts.
 3. **1 CORINTHIANS 12.7-9:** There were nine miraculous gifts. (cf. 1 Cor. 1.2)

II. THE REVELATION THEY RECEIVED

- A. **1 CORINTHIANS 1.6:** *“even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you.”* What was the testimony of Christ?
1. The testimony of Christ is used synonymously with the revelation of Christ. (Rev. 1.1,2)
 2. The testimony of Christ is the word of God that was revealed to man first revealed through miraculous gifts.
- B. The Corinthians were given to know and speak the word.
1. **1 CORINTHIANS 2.10-13:** Paul was given the Holy Spirit to know and speak the word of God.
 2. Christians are different because we proclaim a message that is different. (1 Pet. 4.11; 2 Tim. 4.2)

CONCLUSION: Christians are called to be different!

We Do Not Well

How difficult is your life? How much do you wish your circumstances of life could be better? We often say that as hard as our lives may be, there is always someone who is worse off. We might consider Job who lost his possessions, his family, and his health and said, *“the thing I greatly feared has come upon me”* (Job 3.25). We might consider Naomi who lost her husband and both her sons (Ruth 1.3-5).

In 2 Kings 6, we read about another tragic scene. Syria went to war against Israel. But Israel had help from the prophet Elisha. When the king of Syria heard that Elisha was in Samaria, he sent his army and surrounded the city, cutting off the supply of food and water. The situation had become so desperate that they were buying bird droppings and cow’s heads for food, and they were being sold for a high price (2 Kings 6.25). They had even resorted to cannibalism as women were boiling and eating their own children (2 Kings 6.28,29).

The king of Israel blamed both God and His prophet Elisha for the circumstances. He became so distraught that he called for the head of Elisha (2 Kings 6.31). However, Elisha prophesied that by this time tomorrow there would be an abundance of food. In fact, there would be so much food available that flour and barley would be sold in the marketplace inexpensively. Because the king did not believe it, Elisha also prophesied that *“you shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it”* (2 Kings 7.2,17,18).

In 2 Kings 7, you read about three lepers who decided to go to the camp of the Syrians and beg for mercy. They concluded that if the Syrian killed them, they were going to die anyway, so they had nothing to lose (2 Kings 7.3,4). When they arrived at the Syrian camp, they found it abandoned. And that because God had caused the Syrians to believe that a great army was approaching causing them to flee (2 Kings 7.5-7). So when these three lepers approached the abandoned camp they found an abundance of food (2 Kings 7.8). As they were feasting, they said, *“We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace”* (2 Kings 7.9). They had realized that this was good news, and it wasn’t right to keep this good news from the suffering Samaritans.

Today is also a day of good news (Rom. 10.15). The world is suffering a spiritual famine while we feast on the nutrients of the word of God (cf. Amos 8.11,12; John 6.27). And if we do not share this good news with a dying world, *“we do not well.”* The greatest commandments given to us are to love God and love our fellow man (Matt. 22.34-40). Is there any greater way to show our love to others than to share with them the good news of salvation? So let’s not be negligent to be the light for Christ (Matt. 5.16) and show a world without hope that hope is found in Jesus.