

## THE UNSEEN ARMY: HORSES AND CHARIOTS OF FIRE

### 2 Kings 6:8-23

- I. **WHAT IS WHISPERED IN SECRET** ()—God knows everything
- A. **God Hears** (Ps 94:9-10)
1. **The Plans of His Enemies** (12; Isa 29:15)—God knew the plans of the king of Syria
  2. **The Prayers of His Children** (17, 18, 20; Ps 145:18-19; Jn 11:42; 1 Jn 5:14-15)—
- B. **God Reveals** (Dan 2:47; Mat 10:26)
- C. **The Prophet Warns** (Ezek 3:27 )—Elisha warns the king of Israel
- II. **BLINDNESS AND SIGHT** ()—physical eyesight, understanding or spiritual insight
- A. **Seeing the Light** (Isa 9:2; 42:7)—when our spiritual eyes are opened
1. **Realizing Our Situation** (Gen 3:7)—grace teaches our hearts to fear
  2. **Recognizing the Glory of God** (2 Cor 4:4)—converts, overcomes our fears
  3. **Understanding the Truth of the Gospel** (Lk 8:10)—a work of grace
- B. **Encouraging the Fearful** (16-18; Job 42:5; Isa 35:3-6)—compassionate and best way to help them
1. **Speak to Them** (Isa 35:3-6; Rom 8:31)—Remind them of the truth
  2. **Pray for Them** (Eph 1:18-19)—that God would open their eyes to see Him  
We can *tell* them, but we *can't make them see* it; only God can do that.
  3. **Lead by Example** ()—show us how it's done!
- C. **The Two-pronged Ministry of Christ** (Jn 9:39)—not one-dimensional
1. **Giving Sight to the Blind** (Isa 35:5; 42:18; Mat 11:25; Jn 9:32-33)—
  2. **Blinding Those Who Can See** (Isa 6:10; 29:9-10; Mk 4:11-12; Jn 12:37-42)--

III. **THOSE WHO ARE WITH US** (16-17)—The Heavenly Host

A. **Do not be afraid.** (Rom 8:31) If God is for us, who can stand against us?

B. **We are not alone.** (Ps 16:8; Mat 28:20)

1. **Invisible does not mean *imaginary*.** (Col 1:16; Heb 11:1)—There is more to reality than we see.

2. **God's angels are real.** (Heb 1:14; Ps 91:11-12)—serving and protecting

C. **The enemy's army is no match.** (Ps 20:7; 68:17; 1 Jn 4:4)

IV. **TREATMENT OF ENEMIES** (Ex 23:4-5; Mat 5:43-45)—*the mercy and kindness of God*

A. **Respecting Their Humanity** (Prov 25:21-22)—

1. **Basic Human Courtesy** ()—*treating fairly and decently under the circumstances*

2. **Supernatural Christian Love** (Mat 5:44; Rom 5:10)—*caring for their souls, desiring their good*

B. **Shaming Their Behavior** (1 Pet 3:16; Rom 12:20-21)—burning coals

C. **Winning Their Hearts and Minds** (23; Ezek 18:23, 32)—bringing them into the kingdom of God