

Setting Your Heart

on the

Kingdom



2 KINGS

Seeing the Unseen!

(The Principle of Spiritual Warfare)

2 Kings 6:8-18

While God's people slept in peace, ruthless men of war encircled their little village. Their horses and chariots numbered in the thousands as they prepared for a massive slaughter. But this fierce army wasn't sent to plunder wealth or to defeat a military foe...their orders were to seize the prophet of God! The king of Aram was enraged at Elisha's prophetic anointing that would warn God's people before he could attack them. If this prophet could be stopped, then Israel would be his. When daylight broke, the village of Dothan awoke in terror. Confused and dismayed, Elisha's servant cried out, "*Alas my master, what shall we do?*" But the prophet's prayer was not what he expected to hear... "*O Lord, open his eyes that he may see.*" When the servant looked up, he was astonished. The mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha! *It wasn't the armies of Aram who were in control...it was God!* Then, at Elisha's prophetic command, the Lord struck the enemy blind and they were defeated.

Just beyond the borders of your natural mind lies the unseen world of the supernatural. It's a world where angelic beings are flaming agents of God prepared to war on behalf of the righteous. It's a world hidden from the natural senses and inaccessible by human reasoning. But with spiritual eyes it can be seen. And with a heart of faith, it can be entered. *It's the realm of the Kingdom of God where God is in charge.*

This account of Elisha is more than a story of a mighty prophet...it's a lesson in spiritual warfare. *Learn that the devil is threatened by your anointing.* It's the anointing that delivers people out of Satan's hand (Luke 4:18). Discover that the army of God is clearly the superior force. *But eyes that haven't been TRAINED BY FAITH are unaware of their presence. And finally, though the heavenly host is poised to fight, they will not...until you speak prophetically into the situation (2 Kings 6:18).* Dear Christian, are you facing an impossible dilemma with staggering odds? Don't be dismayed. When you look with spiritual eyes, you'll see there are more for you than against you (Rom. 8:31). When you submit to God and speak prophetically against evil forces...they must flee (James 4:7). *Then you'll know you've entered the Kingdom of God (Luke 11:19). It's where the Lord rules the earth through you.*

Next: The Kingdom of God in Ezra...The Weapon of Prophecy!

