

“Seeing Through Different Eyes”

2 Kings 6: 15 – 17

Many who see very well through the eyes of the body have great difficulty seeing spiritual truths through the eyes of faith. (Matthew 5: 8) gives us a qualification for seeing God; “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” If a person wants to see the things of God there must be a desire in their heart to do so. (James 1: 5) tells us, “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” In the scripture text we find the account of a man who saw very well with his physical eyes, but he needed help to see through different eyes.

1. **Servant asked - (vs. 15) “Oh, my lord, what shall we do?”** When an individual is afraid, they assume everyone else will be also. What the servant saw frightened him and caused a pitiful cry. This fear caused him to forget his master had done great things because God was with him, and God would not forsake now. If the servant had asked, ‘what shall I do’, this would have been more excusable, but he need not include his master as also being in distress.
2. **Elisha answered - (vs. 16) “Don’t be afraid, those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”** Elisha didn’t need to see the enemy, he knew they were there, and he also knew that God was with him and nothing else mattered. “If God is for us, who can be against us.” (Romans 8:31). Elisha endeavored to quiet the servant by word, “Don’t be afraid.” The words of verses three and four of the hymn, “Just as I Am” seem to identify this servant; vs. 3 “Just as I am though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!” vs. 4 “Just as I am poor, wretched, blind - sight riches healing to the mind, yea, all I need in thee to find – O Lamb of God I come! I come!” We need not have a fear which has torment leaving us paralyzed. When we find we are magnifying the cause of our fears, we need to have clear and high thought of God and his word.
3. **Elisha prayed - (vs. 17) “O, Lord, open his eyes so he may see.”** Elisha had his eyes opened when he saw Elijah taken up into heaven in a chariot of fire, (2 Kings 2: 11-12). He knew what was there to see

through the eyes of faith, so he endeavored to quiet his servant by vision. Elisha was much concerned for the faith of his servant. Good men desire not only their own well-being, but to have those about them at ease as well. We need to see and understand the principle that those whose faith is strong ought to tenderly and compassionately do what they can to strengthen the weak and fearful. Elisha saw himself safe and desired his servant also to be assured of this fact as he would see a great guard of angels. Elisha prayed simply, "Open his eyes." The Lord opened his eyes, and he looked and saw chariots and horses of fire, not literal fire, but the glory of God. We must look before we can see!

The greatest kindness we can do for those who are fearful and faint-hearted is to pray for them and recommend them to the mighty grace of God. Then the opening of their eyes will be the silencing of their fears. The clearer sight we have of the sovereignty and power of the God of heaven, the less we shall fear the calamities of this earth.

This is all summed up in (Ephesians 1:18 –23). (vs.18), the eyes of your heart be enlightened to know the hope to which you have been called. (vs. 19), To know the great power for those who believe. (vs. 22), Jesus is over all and in control of all. And (vs. 23), believers are filled with Jesus Christ. Are you seeing through different eyes?

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