

## Watchman Part 19

*The Watchman is Peacemaker Who See God's Host and Act with Wisdom in Troubles*

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The above Scripture was the prayer of Elisha to the Lord to open the eyes of his servant so he can see the big army of the Lord that He put around them to protect them and vindicate them. Let us read carefully the whole story:

*“8 Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. 9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. 10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? 12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. 13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. 14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. 15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. 18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria. 20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. 21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them? 22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. 23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.” (2 Kings 6:8-23 KJV)*

The watchman is the man who can see events the way that God sees them. There are certain troubles and problems that will cross our lives but the watchman can see the way out and the solution of God. In the passage that we had read there were lot of characters who were spiritually blind and were not able to see the things that Elisha the prophet of God was seeing.

In the above real story, Elisha, the prophet of God, was able to see and discern by the Spirit of God the movement of the army of the king of Aram, and he was reporting these movements to the King of Israel, to protect him. The king of Aram, when his plans to attempt to attack Israel, was failed he thought that his officials were unfaithful and one of them was the one who was reporting to Israel their movements: *“Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel?” (2 Kings 6:11 KJV)* Truly he was not able to see that he was reported by God to the Israelites through His prophet Elisha. *When we have the mind of God and we are peacemakers, God will inspire us how to combat the power of darkness. He will show us as he showed here the movement of the enemy as he shown to Elisha, the man of God, who warned God's people of the coming threat and took their guard and were protected.* That happened not only once or twice but repeatedly, warning and helping the people of God and inspire them and give them advices how to avoid harms and what the power of darkness are doing against them. Devil hates us because we are teaching others how to avoid the weapons of the devil and how to escape all the harms that the devil is executing against them. *The Word of God that we teach to the people of God is exposing to them the movement of Devil and its demons and their tactics, that is why we are hated and we are targeted by the power of darkness.* When we lay down the foundation that the apostles of Christ laid down, then we are teaching them to hide and to protect themselves from the vices of the enemy. The various teaching that God is leading the church through us is to protect the members and spare them troubles from the devil schemes. Here Elisha was teaching the people and informing them about the movement of the enemy and its tactics.

*“12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.” (2 Kings 6:12 KJV)* Finally they come to know about Elisha, that he is the one who was informing the King of Israel their movements. *Finally they will know that we are led by God in our doing, and we are informed by God of their movements and their conspiracies. We will be targeted and our names and persons will be blacklisted. With such progress they will start to hate us and plan evil against us. But take courage God shall protect us and will not allow them to harm us.*

The King of Syria when he came to know the truth he should repent and be ashamed and stop harming the people of Israel, but he did not repent instead he defied God and went ahead to arrest Elisha. *“13 And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. 14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.” (2 Kings 6:13-14 KJV)* He truly was blind. *They might even conspire against us and try to harm us, as had happened to Elisha here.* When the king of Syria knew that all his movement is revealed to Elisha and he is giving intelligence, he was so angry toward Elisha and he planned to harm him. They found out where he was located and they sent horses and chariots to arrest him. Why they got angry and upset with Elisha and they wanted to catch

him? Because Elisha frustrated their plans, therefore they sent to Dothan and compass it to arrest him.

To tell you the truth, we as Church of God certain times we are hated by the people because we had worked out to frustrate their plans that does not go along with God's will. Certain times we are not aware, but our teaching is directed to frustrate all the worldliness and human's plans and ambitions.

That what the enemy will do to us, they will start to fight against us and attack us because devil is behind them and is using them to harm us and God's church. Devil who will end up in eternal fire is pulling others with him. Those who are deceived by Satan they will pull others out of the church after them. So ultimately we will found out that a big flock of people against us and as army is coming surrounding us to fight against us as had happened here with Elisha. They found where Elisha was, and they sent army to attack him. Yes true we are surrounding by a big folk of people who are against of what we teach and against of what we follow, but still those who are with us are greater than they who are in the world.

The King of Syria sent his army that surrounded the city where Elisha was located. When this happened the servant of Elisha woke up and saw an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. ***"15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?" (2 Kings 6:15 KJV)*** That what he was able to see, the enemy! He was blind as well and was not able to see the army of God surrounding them; therefore he cried to the prophet Elisha, ***"Alas, my master! how shall we do?"*** Elisha replied to him with an assuring answer, ***"16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." (2 Kings 6:16 KJV)*** There will be with us brethren who will not have strong faith and they might be shaken when the enemy will attack us therefore we need to encourage them. Some people they are only following results. They will follow the strong therefore we need to be aware how to handle such people. With the wisdom of God Elisha answered his servant, ***"16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." (2 Kings 6:16 KJV)*** We need to encourage the people not to be afraid or dismayed. Yes the host of God is with us, the angels of God encamping around us, we who are living righteous life; the angels of God encamp around those peacemakers who fear God to protect us. Then Elisha prayed to the Lord, ***"17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." (2 Kings 6:17 KJV)*** Elisha prayed the right prayer. He asked God to open the eyes of his servant so he can see the huge Army of God that was with them. Yes, there is a big Army around us too! We are protected and we are secure in the presence of God Almighty!

***"18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha." (2 Kings 6:18 KJV)*** Here Elisha prayed that they

will be stricken by blindness so that they won't be able to catch him. His prayer was not to curse them but just to protect himself. **We do pray certain times this way not only to protect ourselves, but also to direct our enemies in the direction that God wants them to move.**

***"19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria." (2 Kings 6:19 KJV)*** The Syrians were blinded, so Elisha was able to lead them to the city of Samaria. They came to Dothan but he took them to Samaria. Elisha told them this is not the way in order to take them to the direction where they would never be willingly to go. Why did he do that and took them to Samaria?! Possibly he did this to teach the King of Israel a lesson on mercy and forgiveness as evidenced in the next verses 21 to 22. **By the way this is not telling them lies. We do in certain times the same way of talk so people will be directed to the direction that God wants them to pursue.**

Finally, Elisha was able to see the power and the effectiveness of a tactful prayer to paralyze the power of the enemy. And truly he was able to capture all of them and led them all as prisoners to Samaria without the need to fight, ***"20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria." (2 Kings 6:20 KJV)*** After they came to Samaria, Elisha prayed that God will open their eyes so that they can see. When their eyes were opened, the Syrians most likely found themselves in the midst of their enemies, the Israelites Army. **God will always make sure that our enemies will realize that they cannot prevail against us and that the Lord had bestowed on us power, wisdom and authority. Greater is He that is in us than the one who is in the World.**

The king of Israel wanted to kill them because he was seeing prisoner that he can kill. He was spiritually blind and was not able to see the things of God, but Elisha as a watchman saw another thing that he needed to do, ***"21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them? 22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master." (2 Kings 6:21-22 KJV)*** The King of Israel asked Elisha if he can kill them as being his enemies, but Elisha instructed him not to do that because they were prisoners and he should not kill them but to give them food and drink and to send them back to their master. Elisha said that so the king shall feed them and fulfill God's Word in **Proverbs 25:21-22**, which remind us of the quote of Paul, ***"20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:20-21 KJV)*** \* We as church and workers of God may pray that the people get blinded so they will not go to the wrong direction that they are planning to go. So we can handle them and guide them, as God did when he blinded Saul to humble him and make him know Him and after that he opened his eyes. \* We as church may do all these things to help the people to go into the direction of Heaven. We are not dangerous people but we are the watchmen and the watchwomen of God to direct the people Heavenward and we are aware that God has good plans for all the people and need them to reach Heaven.

People may have wrong thoughts about us and may hate us but we are of good intention toward the people and have the good thoughts toward them to make them reach Heaven with us. The church is not round about to choose where people wants to go. But the church is a U turn to lead the people back 180 degrees to the plan of God.

The King of Israel should not kill them because they were already harmless and they will not be able to do any mischief. So now we can understand why he prayed that they will be stricken by blindness so he will take them prisoner and later on to be treated well by giving them food and drink. The king of Israel called Elisha **“My father”**, that indicates the authority that the man of God had and the favor that God gave to him among the people.

Indeed, the King of Israel heeded to the advice of Elisha, **“23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.” (2 Kings 6:23 KJV)** And we can see clearly the fruit of that decision and action, that the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory.

When he treated them and send them back to their master, what God promised was fulfilled, **“21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: 22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.” (Proverbs 25:21-22 KJV)** to heap coals of fire upon their heads, it means for them to be ashamed of what they were doing in intending to harm the Israelites, and finally their bands stopped coming into the land of Israel. **When we behave as peacemakers our enemies will be finally ashamed and stop attacking us.** Elisha in doing that he taught a good lesson to the King of Israel of how to be peacemaker and deal properly and effectively toward his enemies.

**“24 And it came to pass after this, that Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.” (2 Kings 6:24 KJV)** For a while and for a time the enemy will not attack us but later on will come back and attack us. **It is not the people who are attacking us, but the devil who is behind them, will continue to stir new people and new victims to do that. Therefore as watchmen and watchwomen we need to keep the attitude of peacemakers so that we can be able once again to face the power of the enemy and the power of darkness.**

**My dear and beloved:** Do not be blinded like the King of Aram, neither like the servant of Elisha or the King of Israel. The message is a real challenge for you to repent, and to come to God so that you can see clearly and be a true watchman and a true watchwoman to see and discern, to speak and do the things of God as He wants you.

Go through the message and meditate on it and pick up the points that you are neglecting and you are not doing in your life. **Repent and change your attitude, see clearly your sins and your mistakes and renounce them so you will be the watchman and the peacemaker that God wants you to be, so you will be able to see clearly the**

same way God is seeing things and will have confidence in God's power and will have the wisdom to speak and to do the things of God. Let us pray ...

**My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word and the teaching that we received about to be watchmen and watchwomen to see things as God is seeing them and to be peacemakers, and to speak and to do the very things of God.*

*Confess and renounce all your sins. Confess your anger, fighting, hatred, revenge. Confess and renounce your fears and your doubts and your lack of trust in God. Confess your lack of wisdom and your spiritual blindness being not able to see the things of God. Confess and renounce your self-righteousness and doing your own will and not the will of God. Confess your lack of love and mercy and your non forgiveness toward your enemies. Lord I repent, forgive me the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Lord I commit myself to comply with your Word and the content of the message. Lord open my eyes to see things the way you see them. Lord renews my mind in order to be transformed and be able to see your will and take decisions and actions that are pleasant to you. Lord I am forgiving the following enemies \_\_\_\_\_, Lord I am willing to do the following to them \_\_\_\_\_. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

*Lord, I pray for all my Brothers and Sisters who had committed their lives to you. Lord open their eyes to see those who are with us are more than those with our enemies. Lord I pray that you protect them from the evil one. Devil and all demons with you I rebuke you in the name of Jesus. Go away and don't come to them. Lord provide their needs, give them wisdom and use them to do your will and the works that you prepared from them to do.*

*Lord, I pray for us as a church to help us, protect us, and provide for us to go on in serving you and do your works and your will. Lord protect us from persecution. Lord deal with those who are attacking us. Lord add to us more of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be ready to evangelize and to reach new people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with the message of the Word of God. Lord, we pray that you will enable us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus' name, Amen.*

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