

Unseen Army

Scripture Reference: 2 Kings 6:8-28

After a year's time, the thankless king of Naaman desired to capture Israel and its king. He gave secret orders to his army commanders as to where each team had to be stationed in Israel. To save the king of Israel, God revealed all the plans of Benhadad to Elisha and Elisha told it to the king. Whichever place the army of Benhadad was stationed, Elisha would tell it to the king and warn him not to go that way. Benhadad was upset about the failures of his battle strategy. He said to his ministers that there was for sure a spy in the palace who has taken all these secrets to the Israelites. One of his ministers responded and said the king that there were no spies in the palace. But Elisha the prophet reveals all our plans to the king.

What he said was right. God revealed all the plans of Benhadad to Elisha and protected the king of Israel. Benhadad was relaxed that there were no spies in his place. But the thought of Elisha made him uncomfortable. He realized that his problem was not the army of the enemy but this one man. He sent spies and found the place of Elisha's dwelling. Elisha lived among hills. One fine morning, the servant of Elisha came out of the house. All around the hills, the Syrian army was stationed. He realized that they have come to get his master. He immediately ran and told the matter to Elisha. The servant was trembling without knowing the way out. All that he could see was the great army that has surrounded them.

Elisha looked at him and said, "do not fear, those who are with us are greater than those who are with them". Elisha instantly prayed to God that the eyes of his servant be opened. The servant's eyes were opened and he could see the hills full of horses and chariots of fire. Elisha blinded the Syrian soldiers, took them to the palace and gave them food and water. He again caused them to get their sight back and sent them on their way to their country.

Always remember that a great army of the Lord of Hosts is with you to protect you.

Questions:

1. What did the ungrateful king do?
2. What was there for Elisha's protection?
3. What is there to protect you?