

Chariots of Fire 2 Kings 6

Introduction.

- A. Some people see disaster in every situation.
- B. Some people see God in every situation.
- C. Elisha had succeeded Elijah.
- D. Joram was now king over Israel.
- E. The king of Aram wanted to attack the king of Israel.
 - 1. Elisha kept warning Joram where the attacks would be.
 - 2. The king of Aram thought there was a spy in his midst.
 - 3. Sent men to capture Elisha at Dothan.
 - 4. "We are doomed."
 - 5. Horses and chariots of fire.

Romans 8:31 – If God be for us, who can be against us?

Elisha's servant needed to be reminded about four things:

I. God's power.

- A. What God had done in Israel's past.
 - 1. Egypt.
 - 2. Conquest of Canaan.
 - 3. The works of Elijah.
 - 4. God working through Elisha.
 - a. Healing of the water.
 - b. Delivery of the three kings.
 - c. The widow's oil.
 - d. The Shunamite's son.
 - e. Cleansing of the stew.
 - f. Feeding of 100.
 - g. Naaman.
 - h. The floating axe head.
- B. When we have troubles, we need to remember God's power.

II. God's presence.

- A. Surrounded by heavenly hosts.
- B. The presence of God.
 - 1. Joshua 1:5,9.
 - 2. Mt. 28:20.
 - 3. Psalm 46:10.

III. God's purpose.

- A. Hardships do not enter our lives without God's permission (Job).
- B. Spurgeon: There are no crown-wearers in heaven who are not cross-bearers on earth.
- C. Follow Jesus's example.
 - 1. Not my will...
 - 2. Fix our eyes on Jesus... (Heb. 12:2).
- D. God uses our trials (Rom. 8:28).

IV. God's promises.

- A. Participate in the divine nature (2 Pe. 1:3f.).
- B. I will give you rest (Mt. 11:28).
- C. A lifeguard can't rescue someone who is trying to save himself.

V. We are more than conquerors (Rom. 8).