

Warfare (XII): God is the Greatest

I. 2 Kings 6:14-18, *“He said, ‘Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’”*

- ◆ When we are engaged in the business of winning, what we need is to ask God to open our eyes to see that which cannot be seen. Like Elisha, his spiritual eyes were opened. Although the king sent his chariots, horses and armies to him to besiege the city, Elisha was not afraid at all, but his servant was very afraid, because that servant only saw the chariots, horses and armies.
- ◆ Elisha’s eyes saw the unseen. He saw mountains full of chariots and horses, and he told his servant, *“Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”* **But it doesn’t help if someone tells you that unless the eyes of your heart are opened.**

In our spiritual warfare, we really need to ask God to open our inner eyes, so that we can know that what is with us is more than all the difficulties, serious illnesses, and difficulties that stand in front of us like mountains in front of us. What is with us is *the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire*. If our eyes were opened, we would not fear.

II. Paul said, *“For when I am weak, then I am strong.”*

- ◆ What an abundance of glory God has in His saints, and through His saints He reigns on this earth. Therefore, there should be no word “weak” in the Christian’s vocabulary, why? Because when we are weak, we are strong through the Lord, so you don’t need to stay in weakness.
- ◆ Paul was like Elisha, and he saw the invisible. He fought so many battles in his life, and almost all of them were beatings: he was whipped 40 times. He suffered a lot, both internally and externally, but when Paul was nearing the end of his life, he said, *“I have fought the good fight,”* and he felt that every fight was a good one, why? Because in every battle he experienced more of God’s marvelousness, God’s greatness, and God’s presence.

God’s presence is special every time we face a spiritual battle.

- ◆ When Paul’s ship was in danger of being drowned, and all the people in the ship thought they were going to die, Paul saw what others could not see. He said, *“there stood before me an angel of the God...and he said, ‘Do not be afraid...God has granted you all those who sail with you.’”* When his life was in danger, he saw the invisible, and therefore he had greater joy. It was God’s good pleasure that the ship should be drowned.
- ◆ Paul says in 2 Corinthians, *“as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”* **The present difficulties you see are transient, the dangers you see now are only temporary, but if you know how to rely on God, you will win the unseen, the eternal, the glorious life within you that will last forever.**

III. Isaiah 60:18, *“you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.”*

- ◆ Psalm 68:17, *“The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.”* Here it says, *“The chariots of God are*

thousands and thousands...and the Lord is among them." This means that no matter how many enemies you see out there, God's chariots are thousands and thousands more than that, and there are God's horses and chariots of fire all over the mountains, and that is why we should praise Him!

Every spiritual battle should not be fought with worry, fear, and agitation. Why? Because God has already won the battle, and this battle is surely a victory. As long as you are not discouraged or lose your nerve, you will surely win.

- ◆ It says here that we, **the people in the holy city of Jerusalem today, shall call our walls Salvation, and as long as we are in Him, we are saved. "You shall call...your gates Praise." Whenever you praise, you enter into the city of Jerusalem, and you are in His salvation.** Salvation is our wall, so how secure we are! How blessed we are!
- ◆ God wants us to know that Jesus Christ who is in us is greater than the world through the enemy, so you have nothing to be afraid of. The first thing to do in the battle is not to be afraid. As long as you're not afraid, you'll be able to experience more of God's power within.

Warfare (XII) Assignment

1. What did Elisha's eyes see? What about his servants?
2. When you fight, do you see in your spirit that what is with you is greater than with your enemies? Or are you afraid?
3. Shouldn't the word "weak" be in the Christian's vocabulary? Why?
4. Isaiah 60:18, How do you enter the walls of salvation? Have you been helped in your struggles?
5. Scripture memorization: Isaiah 60:18-19, 2 Corinthians 4:6-18.

Warfare Review

1. Why is there warfare? Why doesn't God just throw the enemy into the lake of fire and sulfur?
2. What are the objects of warfare?
3. Is the whole purpose of the warfare just to get healed? If not, what is the goal of the warfare?
4. What is the most blessed aspect of warfare that you have learned from "Warfare"?