

2 Kings 6: 8-11, 15-17

Good Surrounded by Evil, But Evil . . .

Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, "I will set up my camp in such and such a place." The man of God [Elisha] sent word to the king of Israel: "Beware of passing that place because the Arameans are going down there." So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places. This enraged the king of Aram. [His officers told him that Elisha had been warning the king of Israel. So the king of Aram sent an army by night to surround the city and capture Elisha.] When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes so he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

To me, this is one of the most reassuring scriptures in the Bible! So often, in our own daily lives, as we try to do what is right, we find ourselves vastly outnumbered. We say to ourselves and to those around us, and we ask God, "Oh my!! What shall WE do?" We should remember what Elisha said to his servant, and what the Lord has said to us on so many occasions, "**Do NOT be afraid!**" Then we should pray that the Lord will open OUR eyes and reveal to us the spiritual forces that surround us. There is so much that we cannot see with our

natural eyes. Indeed, the "hills are full of horses and chariots of fire!"

Remember that when Lucifer led his rebellion in heaven, he was only able to persuade one-third of the angels to go with him. This means that for each wicked angel in rebellion against God, there are TWO good angels who remained faithful. Not that the numbers really matter! Heaven is NOT a democracy, where the majority rules!! In Heaven, God RULES, and Jesus Christ is LORD! BEWARE and don't be deceived!! A heaven without Jesus is not a heaven at all!!

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