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TOPIC: ELISHA; HIS LIFE AND MINISTRY [5]

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TEXT: 2 KINGS 6:8-33

INTRODUCTION

Today, we continue with our study on the life and ministry of Elisha. Last week, we saw several miracles performed by Elisha. These ranged from removing death from the poisonous meal of pottage [served the sons of prophets], to feeding over 100 of them with 20 loaves of barley and full ears of corn [aside the remnants]. God also used Elisha to heal Naaman of his leprosy and eventually causing the axe head that fell into river Jordan to float; which was against natural law. For now, we will look at other exploits by this man of God and the lessons, thereof.

OUTLINE 1: A GOD THAT REVEALS SECRETS

A. Secrets Of The King Of Syria Revealed.

- God used Elisha to reveal the thoughts and intents of the king of Syria. That is why we need the Holy Spirit to guide us in every situation. To succeed in this regard, you need to put on the whole armor of God. 2kgs 6:11-12, Dan 2:28, Deut 29:29, Eph 6:11.

B. The Plot To Capture Elisha.

- The king Syria did not realize that the battle was beyond a physical warfare. Such battles are won in the spiritual realm before victory manifests in the physical. You need to depend on the eyes of faith to overcome many battles. It is not by power nor by might; but by the spirit of the Lord. 2 Kgs 6:14-16, Zech 4:6, Romans 8:31, Joshua 6:20.

C. The Invincible And The Inaudible.

- Elisha's servant was afraid when he saw early in the morning; the city surrounded by the Syrian army with horses and chariots. Elisha prayed that the Lord open his eyes to see the horses and chariots of fire roundabout Elisha. God answered Elisha, instantly. 2 Kgs 6:17, Isaiah 30:21, Hebrews 13:5.

D. Elisha Captures An Army.

- What God cannot do does not exist. The One that created the eyes, can also blind the same. The One that gives life, can also take it. That is why we call Him the Author and Finisher of our faith. It is a warning to those who strive to frustrate the work of God. 2 Kgs 6:18, Acts 13:9-11

OUTLINE 2: FAMINE IN BESIEGED SAMARIA

A. There Are Consequences For Disobedience

- Disobedience simply means going against God's commandments and laws. Moses forewarned the children of Israel that there would be a huge price to pay following

disobedience to God. Lev 26:29, 2 Kgs 6:26-29, Deut 28:52-53.

B. Misplaced Anger/Aggression.

- The king of Israel was deeply grieved and angry about the plight of Israel. However, his anger was misplaced against Elisha. When challenges arise as they are bound to come; there is need for soul-searching; before pointing accusing fingers. 2 Kgs 6:30-31

C. What Is The Remedy?

- The king called for the head of Elisha; only to realize that the siege was from the Lord. So, look up to God and He will surely make a way. It was the same Elisha that interceded and the Lord took away the siege as we move on to 2 Kings 7 next week. 2 Kgs 6:32-33.

CONCLUSION

Again, there is no impossibility with God. John 1:3 says **ALL** things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made. We face various challenges in our endeavors. Let us allow Him to lead and we follow. By His grace and mercy, we shall overcome, in Jesus name, Amen.