

He's in it with you

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Text: (2 Kings 6: 15-17)

Thought "Seeing what God would have you see"

The story of our text today, I trust will offer encouragement as we enter this New Year.

- The story and secret plans of king of Syria revealed. (Vs. 10-12)
- Finding our Elisha was in Dothan, The King sends his soldiers to get Elisha
- It was early in morning the servant of Elisha came to report, a great army had encircled the city, with many horses and chariots.
- Reporting to Elisha, in great fear, his servant asks "What will we do"
- The Prophet of God answers: "Fear not, for there are more with us than with them"
- He prayed, Lord open the eyes of my servant, that he may see...
- The Lord opened the eyes of the young man and he beheld the mountain surrounding them was an Angelic army, a mountain full of horses and chariots of FIRE around them

Elisha prays that the Lord smite the enemy and God did smite the army of Syria with blindness.

And if read story, Israel's army carried them blind into their own camp, where if had not been for the man of God, they would have killed them all.

Elisha no doubt felt what God had done to the enemy was enough, so fed them and sent them home

It is beloved the merciless heart that kicks a man when he is down.

Today as think on this Old Testament Story, written for our learning. The prophet asks "Lord open his eyes that he might see."

We find even today as we face the troubles of this time...there is something that God wants us to see....

And one all encouraging thing is: Not only is our lives protected by unseen angelic host....but even more than with Elijah....we have the Captain of the Battlefield.....The Captain of the Angelic host, Jesus

Jesus, who said: "Lo I am with you always..."

Jesus who came to set the captives free

Jesus who, gave sight to the blind

Jesus who, Healed the sick and raised up the dead

Jesus who said: With him I can conquer every foe.

Can we open our eyes and see, God's got his army all around us and no weapon formed against will prosper.

Let close the lesson as I borrow from a thought of Dr Stanley, who preaching from the text: In the word of Jesus "take my yoke upon you, learn of me, my yoke is easy and my burdens light." Mat. 11:29,30)

Dr. Stanley describes the use of a yoke, was to yoke to oxen together to pull the load. "All you country boys and girls have seen a yoke.

(And notice how God said "Two are better than one"

And Jesus saying "take my yoke upon you" he was saying... " If you take my yoke... I'll be in it with you"

I gather from my text: That's what God wants us to open our eyes and see, stop staggering around in the darkness of doubt and fear and see that whatever we may face this coming year, He's in it with us"..

He that is greater in you than in the world..."In it with you"

And it get in this yoke with Jesus, don't have to wait till battles over you can "Shout now"

Knowing the battles not yours but the Lord's

For he is the captain of the battle field and never has lost a battle.

I'm talking about the "Omni present God..the Om-ni potent God...the Omi-ni-scient God..

All powerful, all knowing and every present.....

One great thing about a yoke is when one oxen gets weak the other keeps on pulling

If we get weak and weary along the way....don't you worry, for he's help you carry the heavy load

I come tell somebody today..that's all God wants for you to get in the yoke...TAKE my Yoke upon you...

No need carry the load by yourself...

Get in the yoke...and sing with me "Never alone, never alone for he walks beside me every day..he guides my footsteps all the way...no, never alone Get in the yoke.

You have more than Elijah, we have the mighty captain of the battlefield..

Jesus the "Lion of Judah"

Jesus, that can calm the ocean and the raging sea

Jesus didn't have to die, could have called Elijahs' 10,000 angels, but chose instead to die, but got up from grave with All power in his hand

Able to destroy and defend....." Get on in this yoke"
for "His yoke is easy and burdens light"

I can say today...I've been thru some valley's...I've been thru some waters, I've seen some night

seasons but I'm confident, The Lord is my light and my salvation...

Confident...If in my heart I do believe I'll get home someday..confident