



“Those Who are with Us are More”

2Kings 6:8-23

God Has Provided Help For His Children Far Superior To That Of Their Enemies

- They are more numerous than the enemy.
 - 2Kings 6:17 - “And Elisha prayed, and said, ‘LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.’ Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.”
- They are far stronger than the enemy.
 - “Chariots of fire”

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- They are greater in purpose and determination.
 - Prov. 28:1 - “The wicked flee when no one pursues,
But the righteous are bold as a lion.”
- They are more in authority.
 - A servant has only the authority his master can give him.

This Help Is Seen By Few

- “Those who are with them...”
- A tendency to judge after the senses.
 - 2Kings 6:15 - “And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, ‘Alas, my master! What shall we do?’”

Do We Know These Things To Be Fact?

- That God gave us the capacity to fend off every temptation?
 - 1Cor. 10:13 - “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

Do We Know These Things To Be Fact?

- That we will share in Jesus' inheritance?
 - Rom. 8:16-18 - "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Do We Know These Things To Be Fact?

- That nothing has the power to sever our relationship with God apart from our own will?
 - Rom. 8:35-39 - “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: ‘For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.’ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Do We Know These Things To Be Fact?

- That Jesus will return to take us to heaven?
 - 1Thes. 4:15-17 - “For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”

This Help Is Seen By Few

- Overlooking the supernatural behind the natural.
 - Rom. 1:20 - “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.”

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- Overlooking the supernatural behind the natural.
 - 2Cor. 4:16-18 - “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

This Help Is Seen By Few

- Habitual pessimism.
 - There are some who cannot see the good because they haven't learned how, or perhaps they would rather see the evil.
- Living at a distance from God.
 - Job 43:5 - "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You."
 - James 4:8 - "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

How Can We See Those Who Are With Us?

- 2Cor. 5:7 - “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”
- Heb. 11:1, 3 - “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen... By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”

How Can We See Those Who Are With Us?

- Noah saw the flood before it happened.
- Abraham saw the country that was to come.
- Moses saw the riches in Christ, even while the riches of Egypt were staring him in the face.
- Rahab saw those who were with Israel.

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Heb. 11:32-39 - "And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. And others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise."

How Can We See Those Who Are With Us?

- We can see it, too
 - Heb. 13:5-6 - “Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we may boldly say: ‘The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?’”

“Those Who Are With Us Are More...”

- Elijah did not see those who were with the Lord.
 - 1Kings 19:4, 10 - “But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, ‘It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers...’ 10 So he said, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.’”

God Is With Us

- He dwells in us through love.
 - 1John 4:12-13 - “No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.”
- He is aware of us and our needs.
 - Psalm 139:1-16
- He hears and watches over us.
 - 1Peter 3:12 - “For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil.”

God Is With Us

- He is for us.
 - Rom. 8:31-32
- He is there when we need Him.
 - Psalm 46:1-2 - “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.”
- He wants us to come to Him for help.
 - Heb. 4:16 - “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Jesus Christ Is With Us

- He dwells in us through faith.
 - Gal. 2:20 - “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”
- He is with us as we serve before Him.
 - Matt. 18:20, 28:20
- He knows the way home.
 - John 14:1-4
- He knows the way through the valley of death.
 - Psalm 23

The Holy Spirit Is With Us

- He dwells in us through the word.
 - Eph. 5:18-19; Col. 3:16
- He is given as an earnest.
 - Eph. 1:13-14
- He witnesses with our spirit.
 - Rom. 8:16
- He intercedes for us.
 - Rom. 8:26-27
- Men often underestimate the aid given by the Holy Spirit.
 - John 16:5-8, 13

There Is A Great Host With Us

- 2Kings 6:16 - “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”
- Rev. 4:2-8
- Rev. 5:6-11

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- Solomon said that there will be seasons of loss, sorrow, and pain, just as there are seasons of peace, joy, and comfort - Ecc. 3.
- “Lord, we believe; help us in our struggle with our faith.”
 - Mark 9:23-24 - “Jesus said to him, ‘If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.’ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, ‘Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!’”

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- Let us pray that the Lord will open our eyes to see the host that is with us.
 - 2Tim. 4:14-18 - “Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works. You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words. At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them. But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!”
- Prayer