

The Man Who Saw The Invisible

(2 Kings 6:8-20)

- Introduction:
1. It seems that in our Christian walk, when we are lost in fear, grief, and worry, God often appears.
 2. Such happened to Elisha and one of his servants long ago.
 3. Surrounded by an enemy army, Elisha stayed calm while Elisha's servant is greatly distressed.

I. The Story Unfolds

A. The Main Characters.

1. Ben-hadad (king of the Syria).
2. Jehoram (king of Israel).
3. Elisha (the man of God).
4. Two servants — one belonging to Elisha and one belonging to Ben-hadad.

B. The Situation.

1. Elisha, by divine revelation, continually thwarts Ben-hadad's military aggressions against Israel.
2. Frustrated and angry, Ben-hadad wants to know who the traitor is.
3. Ben-hadad's servant tells him that Elisha is their problem, so the king sends an army to capture Elisha.

C. The Reaction.

1. Upon seeing the approaching army, Elisha's servant panics, while Elisha calmly says, "Do not fear."
2. Elisha was able to see God's spiritual protection, while his servant could only see their physical enemy.

D. The Result.

1. God blinds the army of Ben-hadad, and Elisha leads them into Samaria where they are surrounded.
2. The victory belongs to God.

II. Questions To Consider

- A. Do we sometimes allow intimidating odds and obstacles keep us from doing good?
- B. Are those who are on God's side ever really outnumbered?
- C. What about angels today? Do they serve to protect us?
- D. What are we to make of Elisha's lie he told the army of Ben-hadad?
- E. Would we be more courageous if we could focus in on the spiritual as well as we can the physical?