

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## THE PROPHET ELISHA

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### PART 4: WALKING WITH GOD

#### **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD**

With some extremely difficult times coming not only for Elisha, but for the whole nation, God allowed Elisha and his disciples to be tested once again in order to have their faith strengthened. It is an established fact that iron is denser than water and therefore will not float in it but God supernaturally made the ax head to float in the water. **2 Kings 6:1-7**

#### **NOTHING IS HIDDEN FROM GOD**

- God is in total control of His creation, nothing happens without His knowledge or permission. Jesus established this truth while he walked on the earth. **Matthew 10:26-31**
- During the period in which Elisha lived, the King of Syria was constantly attacking the land of Israel; but God passed on the war plans to Elisha, who in turn passed them on to the King of Israel. **2 Kings 6:8-10**
- The King of Syria started an investigation to find out who was telling his secret plans to the King of Israel. When he found out that it was the God of Israel who was to be blamed, he decided to eliminate God's prophet. **verses 11-14**

#### **UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE**

- Let us establish the following facts about angels:
  - God's holy angels along with the Devil and his fallen angels can freely come and go among humans.
  - They are invisible to the human eye most of the time, but if they choose to do so, they can show themselves.
  - They are able to listen to all conversations among humans and thus they have total knowledge of what people are going to do.
  - God's angels will only contact humans, unless God tells them to intervene, they will not do so. Look at the example of the angel coming to Mary. **Luke 1:26-37**
- Holy angels can not only can they hear conversation like humans but they are also able to read thoughts as well. Jesus showed us that he had this capacity too. **Genesis 18:9-15; Matthew 12:22-29**
- We do not have a particular verse in the Bible where we are told that Satan and his fallen angels can read the thoughts of people, but there isn't a Christian living right now who can deny the fact that the battle against sin always takes place in the mind. It is the mind of the Christian which is always under attack. **Ephesians 6:10-18**



- ❑ In **Zechariah 3:1-2**, we find that Satan stood by to resist the high priest. In **Romans 12:1-2**, we are told to renew our minds. Thus, the bad news is that Satan and his fallen angels can read the thoughts of people and mess with their minds. The good news is that God has the Devil on a short leash and he can only do what God is permitting. **Job 1:8-12, 2:1-6**

### **TERRITORIAL GODS**

From the days of Nimrod, to this very day, people in the occult and pagan religions believe that there are “local gods,” who only rule a certain territory. It was with this mindset, that the King of Syria believed that the God of Israel was just like other idols, a “local god” ruling his territory. If Elisha could be eliminated, the God of Israel could not longer do what he had done. Look at the following Bible verses. **1 Kings 20:28; 2 Kings 17:23-29**

### **THE FEAR FACTOR**

Elisha’s disciples did not have faith like he did. **2 Kings 6:15-17**

### **BATTLING IN THE SPIRIT**

- ❑ Elisha knew that in the flesh he could not battle this army detachment so he fought them with the power of God. **verse 18**
- ❑ Elisha then led this entire army detachment into the city of Samaria, the capitol of Israel. **verses 19-20**
- ❑ God showed mercy on the Syrian soldiers and sent them home. For a time there was peace between Syria and Israel. **verses 21-23**

### **WHAT WE SHOULD LEARN FROM THESE EVENTS**

1. The battle is the Lord’s. **2 Chronicles 21:3-24**
2. Do not fight in the flesh. **2 Corinthians 10:3-6**

**Do you have an ear to hear with?**