

Open My Eyes

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We need to pray for open eyes to see God's presence in all things and choose to treat life's events as chariots of victory, resisting the enemy's attacks and maintaining a strong spirit.

Scripture: 2 Kings 6:17, Psalm 3:3, Daniel 7:25, 1 Corinthians 15:57, Ephesians 6:10

Topics: "Spiritual Vision", "Faith And Hope"

Description

Charles E. Cowman preaches on the importance of praying for spiritual vision, using the story of Elisha praying for his servant's eyes to be opened to see God's protection. He emphasizes that every situation in life can either be a chariot of victory or a crushing burden, depending on how we perceive and handle it. Cowman warns against allowing despair and hopelessness to crush our souls, as it weakens our spiritual strength and resolve in the face of the enemy's attacks.

Transcript

"Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see" (2 Kings 6:17).

This is the prayer we need to pray for ourselves and for one another, "Lord, open our eyes that we may see"; for the world all around us, as well as around the prophet, is full of God's horses and chariots, waiting to carry us to places of glorious victory. And when our eyes are thus opened, we shall see in all events of life, whether great or small, whether joyful or sad, a "chariot" for our souls.

Everything that comes to us becomes a chariot the moment we treat it as such; and, on the other hand, even the smallest trial may be a Juggernaut car to crush us into misery or despair if we consider it.

It lies with each of us to choose which they shall be. It all depends, not upon what these events are, but upon how we take them. If we lie down under them, and let them roll over us and crush us, they become Juggernaut cars, but if we climb up into them, as into a car of victory, and make them carry us triumphantly onward and upward, they become the chariots of God. --Hannah Whitall Smith

The Lord cannot do much with a crushed soul, hence the adversary's attempt to push the Lord's people into despair and hopelessness over the condition of themselves, or of the church. It has often been said that a dispirited army goes forth to battle with the certainty of being beaten. We heard a missionary say recently that she had been invalidated home purely because her spirit had fainted, with the consequence that her body sunk also. We need to understand more of these attacks of the enemy upon our spirits and

how to resist them. If the enemy can dislodge us from our position, then he seeks to "wear us out" (Daniel 7:25) by a prolonged siege, so that at last we, out of sheer weakness, let go the cry of victory.

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