

Gods Presence

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God's presence is a reality that gives us comfort, strength, power, protection, and hope, and it is available to us through prayer and faith.

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Scripture: Joshua 1:9, 2 Kings 6:15-17, Psalm 23:4, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 6:33, Romans 8:31, Hebrews 13:5-6

Topics: "Presence of God"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes that God is interested in each individual as if they were the only person in the world. He uses the story of Elisha and his servant to illustrate this point. The servant was scared and felt trapped, but Elisha had faith in God's protection. Elisha prayed for his servant's eyes to be opened, and when they were, the servant saw that the mountain was filled with horses and chariots of fire, representing God's power and protection. The preacher encourages the audience to have faith and not be afraid, knowing that God is with them.

Transcript

Father God, we place today, tomorrow, and all the tomorrows of our life with perfect confidence in your care and care. We would not exchange the trust, our confidence in you, for a title deed to the whole world. For we know that in all things you never make a mistake, and you only give to us that which is for our best.

But you want to know something? God's presence with his people is not merely a theory. God's presence with his own is a fact. And always remember something.

He does not leave us in the eleventh hour. He will not leave you when the waters are deep. He will not leave you when the night is dark.

He will not leave you after you have received that last paycheck. He has not left you when the flower bin is empty. I want you to remember that.

His presence is a reality. I want to make this very real to your heart, and I pray the Holy Spirit shall make it real, because I know there are many trying days just ahead for many a precious family, many a dad who will awaken in the morning, faced with discouragement, heartbreak. And so I wish to read a portion of the word of God as found in 2 Kings 6. Oh, this is thrilling.

Sure, here he is. The king of Syria had just sent a whole army after one of God's men. Just one.

I think that's one of the greatest compliments that could have been paid, Elisha. Really, I do. No wonder Queen Mary of Scotland said that she feared the prayers of John Knox more than she did an army of thousands.

Ah, your own family trembles when they know that you're on your knees praying before the throne of God. The greatest power that God has given to you and to me is the power of prayer. That's the greatest power in the world today, the power of prayer.

Believe me, that's true. That's the reason I keep saying to you over and over again, that no matter what your circumstances are, no matter what you're faced with, no matter what the problems are in your life, as long as God is still on His throne, as long as He is still God Almighty, as long as you and I know that He is still there reigning and ruling, as long as we know that He is still hearing and answering prayer, you and I do not have to be defeated on a single score. That's right.

And just so long as you know in your own heart that there's absolutely nothing between you and God, that you have a hearing before the throne, that there's no obstacle in the way to keep God from hearing that prayer of yours, you have nothing to be worried about. You have nothing to fear. You need spend no anxious hours.

You need not roll and toss all the night long, afraid to face tomorrow, afraid of what tomorrow will hold for you. You need never give in to defeat. Never.

Not for one minute. So long as you know God is there, so long as you know how to pray, everything will come out all right. Elisha knew that.

Even in the face of an entire army that had been sent by the king of Syria. Let me read this portion of the word of God. Oh, I just love it.

Here it is, 2 Kings, you read it for yourself. The sixth chapter. Let me begin, if you will, please, with the thirteenth verse.

And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. They're out trying to get Elisha now and his servant.

Therefore sent he thither horses and chariots and a great host. And they came by night and compassed the city about. In the natural, if ever there was a man who needed to be scared to death, it was Elisha.

If ever there was a man living who needed to be afraid, who had cause for fear and anxiety, it was Elisha. The king of Syria was out gunning for him. He was going to get him if it was the last thing he did.

He not only sent one man or two men after Elisha, he had sent an entire army. And they came with horses and chariots and a great host just for one preacher, that's all. And they came by night and compassed the city about.

What were they after? One poor little preacher. If you don't think God takes care of his own, if you don't think God's interested in just you as an individual, look at this. You know, sometimes we think, Oh, the world's so big and there's so many people in the world and God has so much to do.

Surely he's not interested in me as an individual, but he is. He's as interested in you as though you were the only person in the whole world that he had created in his own image and after his own likeness. He's

as interested in you this hour as an individual, as one man, as one woman as he was in Elisha.

And when the servant of the man of God was risen early and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master, how shall we do? Elisha's servant was scared stiff and he said, Master, my word, there absolutely is no way of escape. This is once we're crapped, there's nothing we can do.

The whole city all around about us is filled with horses and chariots. We're going to be taken as sure as you live and breathe. We haven't a chance for escape.

What shall we do? I can just see him, he was trembling. And he answered, that's Elisha answered and said, Fear not. Don't get scared.

Fear not. Get hold of yourself now. For they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

What did he mean, they that be with us? There the two men were standing. They couldn't see anything. They were just standing there, two poor men in the flesh, as human as you may be this very hour.

And Elisha prayed and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes. You don't have to open my eyes. I can see by face.

But this poor fellow, my poor servant, he's still in the natural and he doesn't understand. Just open his eyes and let him see. That he may see.

And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man and he saw. And what did he see? And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. That's real.

Elisha saw it by faith. He saw God's protecting power by faith. He knew God was there and that he would provide.

He knew that God was there and that God would not let him down. He knew that God was there loving and caring and that he would make a way. He did not have to be shown.

He knew by faith. But he said, Lord, let your servant see. Just open his eyes for a moment.

And when his spiritual eyes were open, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. Beloved, if you could see this very moment, you would not be afraid. The last paycheck may have come in, but you will not be afraid of tomorrow.

The mountains are full of God's power.

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