

ELISHA



Resurrecting Your
DESTINY

Message #4

The Recovery of the Axe Head

- We will be starting with 2 Kings 6:1. This is the last reference of the sons of the prophets.
- Nowhere in the Bible does it say the “school of the prophets”.
- There is a “company of prophets” and there are the “sons of the prophets”.
- The **company** of the prophets was under **Samuel**. (1 Samuel 10 and 19)
- The **sons** of the prophets was under **Elisha**.



Company or Sons of the Prophets?

- In America and in most places it is just a “**company** of prophets”.
- You will typically find prophets who prophesy to each other and there is no real relationship.
- Samuel was a great prophet, but he was a **lousy father**.
- Samuel’s sons were described as corrupt, turning aside after dishonest gain, accepting bribes, and perverting justice.
- They did not walk in the way of their Father.
- There was no relationship, so Samuel had a “company of prophets”.
- Elisha had the “sons of the prophets.”



- In the section of 2 Kings 6:1-7 we will be learning about the recovery of the axe head.
- This miracle is a picture of how humankind fell into death.
- Death is represented by the Jordan River.
- The axe head was retrieved, resurrected, and restored by a piece of wood, a stick.
- The stick points to Calvary's cross.



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- There are lessons in this story pointing to the **restoring of the anointing**

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- Concepts from this miracle include:
 - Acknowledge God when you engage in manual labor.
 - Don't despise or belittle those engaged in manual labor.
 - Be conscientious and responsible for borrowed things.
 - God's servants must not scorn the practical issues of life.
 - Our heavenly Father cares for his people in their smallest concerns.
 - Is there anything too hard for God?
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Distress, WAR, in the Mind

- Now let's look at the components of this story.
- **Every SON has a dream and a destiny.**
 - In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will. Ephesians 1:11
 - Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. 1 Corinthians 7:20
- Dreams DIE when SONS bring upon themselves AFFLICTION because of double mindedness.
 - A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways. James 1:8
- Double mindedness comes from doing things **MY WAY.**
- There is a civil **WAR** that rages in the **MIND** between the **TWO** natures. (Romans 7)
- Often, we are ignorant of the **FINISHED WORK.**
- A genuine FATHER MINISTRY (Elijah and Elisha were father ministries) can **RESURRECT** the anointing, causing the **DREAM**, the **DESTINY** to rise from the murky waters of **DEATH**, come back to the top, and **LIVE** again!

IRON – Fetters and Afflictions (Distress)
AXE - War
HEAD – the Mind



The School Grew

- And the SONS of the PROPHETS said unto ELISHA, Behold now, the place where we dwell with thee is **too strait for us**. 2 Kings 6:1
- The school had grown because of Elisha's influence.
- The word STRAIT means, "narrow, tight place, crowded, pressed, compressed". It was limited, too small.
- The school had grown. Under Elisha's influence, there were so many SONS that came that the place was too small. They needed a bigger place.
- This was a STRAIT place, a **CRAMPED** place.



- True prophets are PRISONERS of the LORD.
- They are cramped, in a TIGHT place, HEMMED IN to the Lord Jesus and His Will.
- Paul said in 1 Corinthians 10:23, “All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.”
- We have GREAT LIBERTY. We can do ANYTHING we want, but as a prisoner of the Lord, we don’t WANT to do certain things.
- Some people can’t handle that kind of LIBERTY.



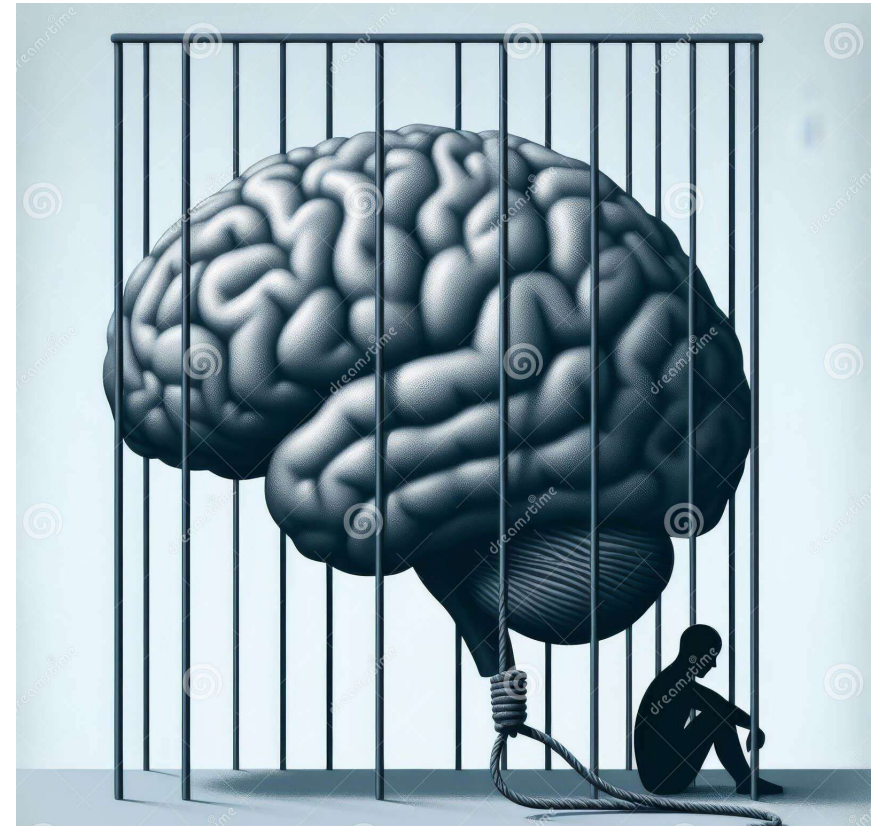
- Some people NEED RULES and REGULATIONS and LEGALISM and LAW because they can't handle LIBERTY.
- You can do ANYTHING you want.
- It comes down to the DESIRE of your HEART.
- When you live with a real prophet, and you sit at the feet of a real prophet, you will say, "This place is too small for me. My vision is too small. My love is too small. The way I give is too small."
- **True prophets will always press you to go to a larger place.**



For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 55:8

- If you like your little comfortable place, that will eventually kill you.
- Your comfortable place of following rules and regulations instead of being led by the Spirit will eventually **kill the dream and the destiny that God has for you.**
- **We can't live in anything larger than our MIND.**
- Limited places, bigoted, prejudices – black people don't like white people; white people don't like black people – that is a small mind.
- If you are white, God may send a black person to help you in time of need.

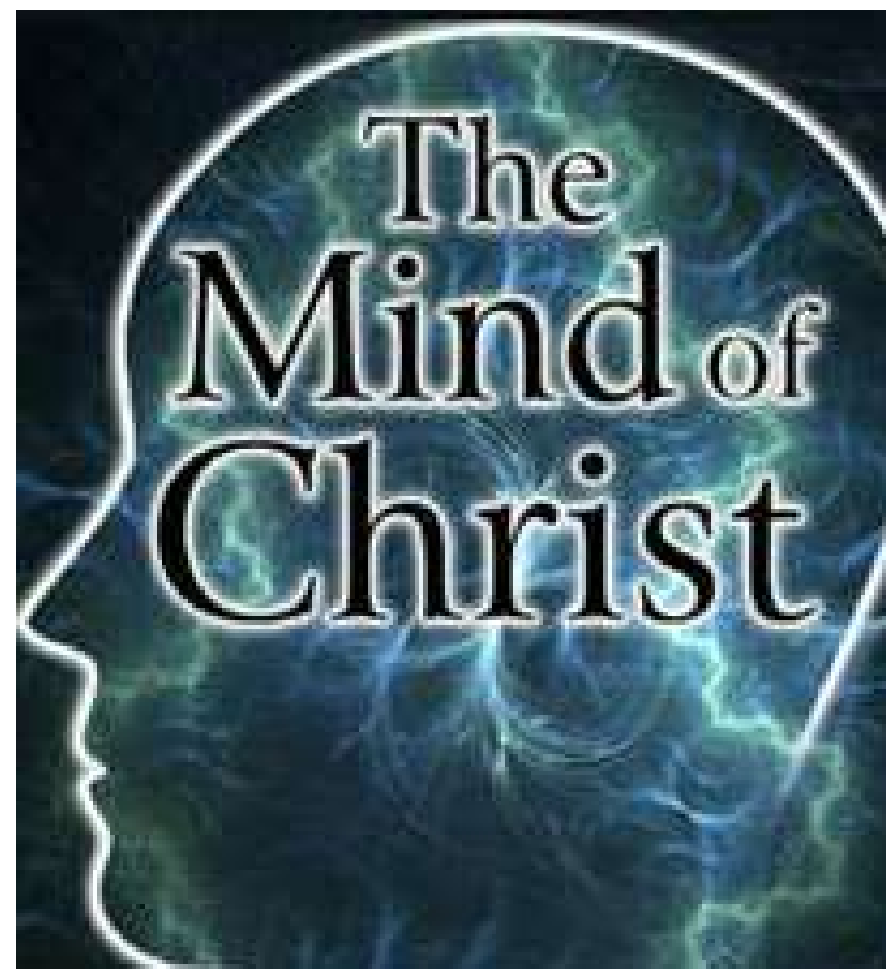


- There are people listening who are walking in UNBELIEF.
- God has been dealing with some for years, and God is not pleased with the way that many THINK. Their thinking is too SMALL.
- The MAGNITUDE of Christ is IN YOU. The measure of his LOVE is IN YOU. The STRENGTH of HIS FAITH is IN YOU.
- You have no right to sit idly by and selfishly keep HIS character to yourself.
- We need to give all we have to GOD, or he will take it from us.
 - Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: **thou hast enlarged me *when I was in distress***. Psalms 4:1
- Often, our VISION is too SMALL, putting us in distress.

GIVE IT ALL TO GOD

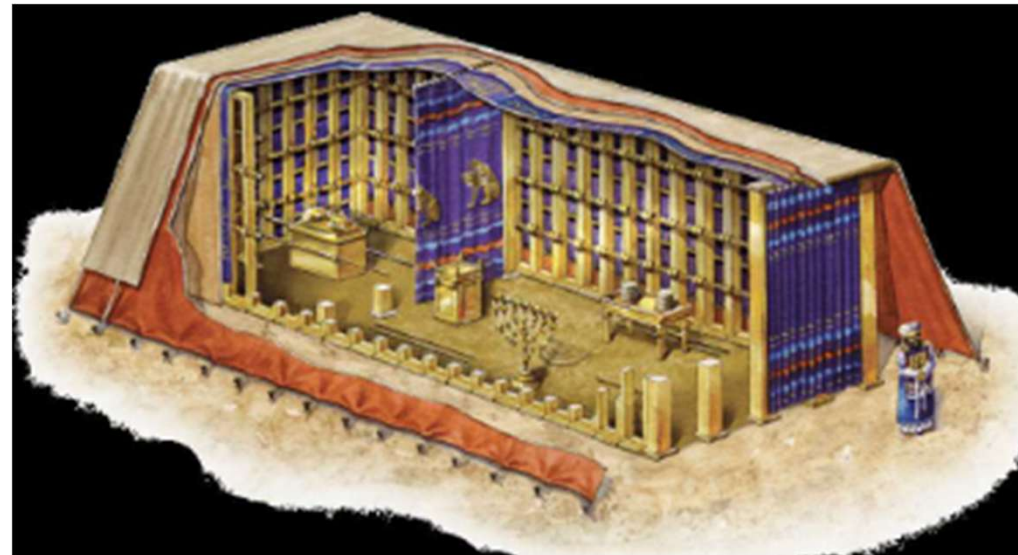


- Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and **let us make us a place there, where we may dwell**. And he answered, Go ye. 2 Kings 6:2
- The vision is too small.
- Elisha says, “Let’s go to Jordan”. Jordan means death.
- The only thing that will heal one of a small frame of mind is to go to the place of death.
- A place that is small brings pressure. If there is pressure in your thoughts, then **the old mindset must go, and a new frame of mind must be constructed**.
- He said, “Let’s go to Jordan and get a beam.”



- The word for “beam” means “rafter, pole, log, a house beam”.
- When the tabernacle was built in the wilderness. It was built with beams.
 - And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood standing up. Exodus 26:15
- When Solomon’s temple was built it was built with beams.
 - So he built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar. 1 Kings 6:9
- Wood represents humanity.
- We are the temple.
- Corporately we are the boards jointly fitted together; a many membered body of Christ.
 - From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. Ephesians 4:16
- Every man is a Beam.

Every Man is a Beam



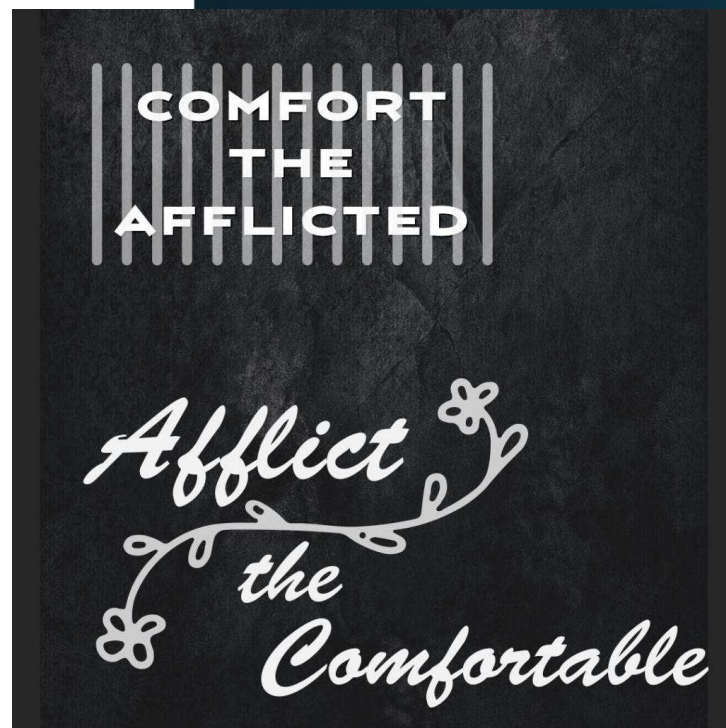
- He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls. 2 Chronicles 3:7
- Humanity are the beams are overlaid with gold, the divine nature of Christ.
- Everyone of us is a beam, jointly fitted together in the body of Christ.
- We are a joint supply.
- Each one had to go and cut down their own beam of wood and shape it.
- You need to make your own beam. You need to make it fit into the body of Christ.
- No one else can do it for you. Leaders can show you how, model it, pray for you, encourage you, but no one can do it for you.



Build the Body of Christ

- Our beams must fit together, be framed together to have a joint supply.
- Take your beam and put it in the house.
- What is your beam? Your beam is your giftings, your grace, your talents, your dreams, your portion, your calling.
- Every person listening has gifts and graces.
- I weep for the church. It is so NOT jointly fitted together.
- Shame on us.
- Most waste so much time on building things of this world instead building the body of Christ.

- Some people, say why do you spend so much time on teaching?
- It's what I'm compelled to do!
- We could all do so much more for God, could BE so much more for Jesus.
- I pray that from this moment forth, you will allow the Lord Jesus Christ to deal with you, and blow you out of your comfort zone.
- Go comfort the afflicted, and may those who are comfortable be afflicted.
- Start now.



- And one said, Be content, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go.
- So he (Elisha) went with them. And when they came to Jordan, **they (the prophets) cut down (sharp instrument) wood (humanity)**. 2 Kings 6:3-4
- These prophets were industrious.
- We've lost the work ethic in America.
 - For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. 2 Thessalonians 3:10
- We can all work for JESUS.
- A sharp instrument here refers to the word of God. (Hebrews 4:12)
- Why are so many sitting around?



- But as one was felling a beam (operating his ministry), the axe head fell into the water: and he cried (in distress and grief), and said, Alas, (a word used to exclaim in PAIN) master (Elisha)! for it was BORROWED. 2 Kings 6:5
- **IRON – Fetters and Afflictions (Distress)**
- **AXE – War HEAD – the Mind**
- Axe Head = IRON means to “cut off”.
- The axe head is a symbol for the anointed word or anointing.
- The axe was primarily used in agriculture or as a weapon of war.
- Axe heads in agriculture were used to clear forests, to cut wood, and to cut and shape stone.
- **Axe heads** as a weapon were used as **battle axes** (the axe mace or war club) or hatchets that could pierce armor.
- Scepters go back to the war club.
- The Scepter is a symbol of AUTHORITY and POWER used by kings.
- The Scepter had its origin in the war mace.



- Jesus Christ is the anointed word.
 - The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. Luke 4:18
- He is **heaven's battle axe**.
 - Thou *art* my battle axe *and* weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms. Jeremiah 51:20
- Heaven's battle axe was connected to the WOOD of his HUMANITY.
- Jesus destroyed every foe and is now the One who tills and shapes the lives of men.
- His is a SCEPTER of righteousness.
 - But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: **a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.** Hebrews 1:8



- As KINGS and PRIESTS, we must submit our lives (our land) to the cutting edge of the Word of God.
- We must stay SHARP through prayer and study of the Word of God, lest we have to BORROW from someone else's anointing!
- Most things today are borrowed. For example, are those pastors who do not seek the Lord for a word, but will generate it through AI or teach from a book instead of the Word.
- It is a practice of beggary. It emphasizes those in the fast lane who are counting clicks, followers, money, and name association.
- They are PARROTS and not PROPHETS. They are an ECHO, not a VOICE.
- They are COPY-CAT BEGGARS, ever borrowing sermons, songs, ideas, concepts, plans and even people rather than **paying the price of PRAYER and STUDY in the Word of God to hear for themselves the VOICE of the ORIGINATOR of all things!**



- And the man of God (Elisha) said, WHERE FELL IT? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast *it* (throw, hurl, fling) in thither; and the IRON did SWIM. 2 Kings 6:6
- Elisha had his own sharp instrument to cut down a stick.
- The axe head rose to the surface and floated.
- This pictures a RECOVERED and RESURRECTED ANOINTING.
- If you ever lose the anointing, you better be able to answer this –WHERE DID YOU LOSE IT? WHERE in TIME? Which AREA of your life? Show the master the PLACE WHERE you LOST it.



- The first thing Elisha asked is, WHERE DID IT FALL?
- You may say, “I’ve fallen.” or “I’ve lost my anointing.”
 - Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. **Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent.** Revelation 2:4-5
- Go find a father ministry, and show them where you lost it.
 - Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. James 5:16
- You have to GO BACK to the place where you lost it.
- What caused you to lose it? Be honest, be humble.



- Elijah **cut down a stick** and he cast it in there and the E
- e head rose to the surface and floated.
- Therefore said he, Take *it* up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it. 2 Kings 6:7
- “CUT DOWN” means to take something and cut it and shape it evenly.
- At the cross, Jesus was the finished work.
- Jesus is the handle. He was shaped by the Father.
 - For he (JESUS) was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. Isaiah 53:8
- Aren’t you glad for JESUS?
- He was the piece of wood in his humanity, tempted in all points.
- Jesus was shaped by the Father.



- Elisha went down and he created another axe handle and threw it in the water.
 - For the Son of man is come to seek and to save **that which was lost**. Luke 19:10
- That which was lost – Elisha threw the handle into the murky waters of death.
- Can you remember the day that Jesus threw the handle into your life and found you?
- That was the day you were JOINED to JESUS.
- Jesus didn't only find you; he RETRIEVED you. He RECOVERED you. He RAISED you. He RESURRECTED you.
- You floated and now you were profitable for use again.

Joined to Jesus



- Until you are ATTACHED to Jesus, there is no purpose.
- There's a lot of sharp people out there, but they are not attached to the Lord, to the ministry or to the body. They have no purpose. They are useless for the kingdom.
- Thank you, Lord, that you were cut down out of the land of the living for me.
- Thank you, Jesus, that you were shaped for me.
- Thank you, Jesus, that no matter who we were, what we were, what we needed, you fit the situation; so, Jesus, I'm going to let you handle me.



- He will find you, and he will handle you.
- Every destiny and dream has a right to live.
- He was thrown into the murky waters of death, the Jordan, and he's resurrected us. He has resurrected the callings and the visions for our lives.
- Jesus the Messiah was the little stick.
- The little stick pictures the little baby in Bethlehem's manger in the incarnation of His humanity, who came by the prophetic word of the prophets.



- Elijah threw the stick into the waters.
- The prophetic word cast Jesus into the waters of an unregenerate humanity, tossed about with sin, wicked like the troubled sea.
- Jesus recovered and resurrected the anointing that had been lost in the garden by the first Adam. Adam lost the axe head.
 - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:
 - That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Galatians 3:13-14
- This stick was evenly shaped and sized by Elisha was a handle.
- The iron swam by attaching itself to this handle.
- The Lord Jesus wants to get a handle on your situation.



Elisha Captures Blinded Syrians

- The next miracle is the deliverance from the Syrian army, continuing on in 2 Kings 6:8-23.
- The most powerful thing in this miracle is in verse 24, “Benhadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.”
- Prior to this in verse 9 Elisha saw in the Spirit where the Syrian host were going to be.
 - The man of God (Elisha) sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. 2 Kings 6:9
- Elisha always told the King of Israel of the King of Syria’s plans and warned them and saved them.
 - And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. 2 Kings 6:10



- Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us *is* for the king of Israel? 2 Kings 6:11
- The King of Syria said, “We have a traitor in the midst.”
- And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. 2 Kings 6:12
- One of the King of Syria’s servants said, “No, there’s no traitor. There’s a prophet that can read your mind. He knows the things you speak in your bed chamber.”
 - Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter. Ecclesiastes 10:20

“We have a traitor in the midst.”



- 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. 2 Kings 6:13
- So Benhadad said, “Go and find this man.” He wanted to kill him.
- LOL Elisha heard the plan of the King right then.
- Therefore sent he (King of Syria) thither horses, and chariots, and a **great host (an army)**: and they came by **night (in stealth)**, and compassed the city about (surrounded the city). 2 Kings 6:14
- Didn’t Benhadad understand that the Prophet would SEE this act of aggression?

They Came by Night



- And when the servant (Gehazi) 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? 2 Kings 6:15
 - Remember Gehazi is now a leper. You can learn about that in the last message of this series.
- Gehazi is obviously afraid.
 - When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, *and* a people more than thou (your strength), BE NOT AFRAID of them: for the LORD thy God *is* WITH THEE, which brough thee up out of the land of Egypt (your SAVIOUR). Deuteronomy 20:1
 - I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set *themselves* against me round about. Psalms 3:6
 - Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will* I be confident. Psalms 27:3
 - What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? Romans 8:31





And he (Elisha) answered, FEAR NOT: for THEY (in the realm of the SPIRIT) that *be* WITH US (among) *are* MORE than THEY (in the NATURAL realm) that *be* WITH THEM. 2 Kings 6:16

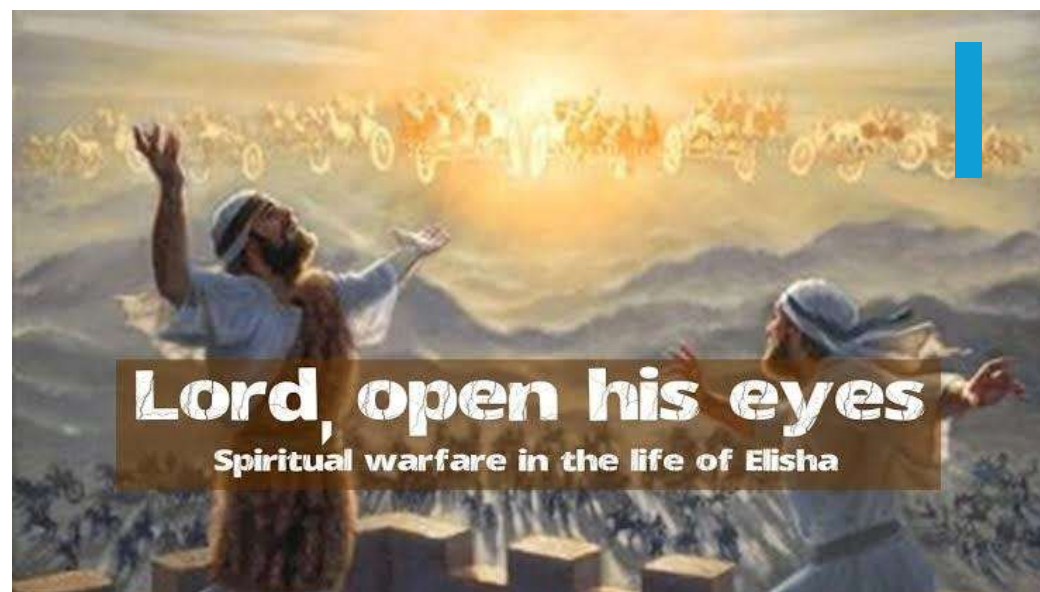
Our army is bigger than theirs!

- In 2 Chronicles 32:7, 185,000 Assyrians came after King Hezekiah. God killed them all in one night.
 - Be strong and courageous (spoken to King Hezekiah), be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that *is* with him (185,000 men): for *there* be MORE WITH US than with him. 2 Chronicles 32:7
 - The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. Psalms 34:7
 - He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle (circumstances) *that was* against me: for there were many with me. Psalms 55:18
- Jesus in the garden said, “Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?” Matthew 26:53
- John said, “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater (stronger) is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” 1 John 4:4

The HOST of ANGELS



- This next verse is the key verse.
- And **Elisha prayed**, and said, **LORD, I PRAY thee, OPEN HIS EYES**, that he may SEE (perceive, observe). And the LORD OPENED the EYES of the young man; and he saw (an open heaven): and, behold, the mountain (the kingdom realm) was FULL of horses and chariots of fire round about (circled about) Elisha. 2 Kings 6:17
- “Open his eyes that he may see” is a contrast to seeing the heavenly realm in the spirit.
- There is a rent veil, an open realm of the spirit, the open door of heaven, the open windows of heaven.



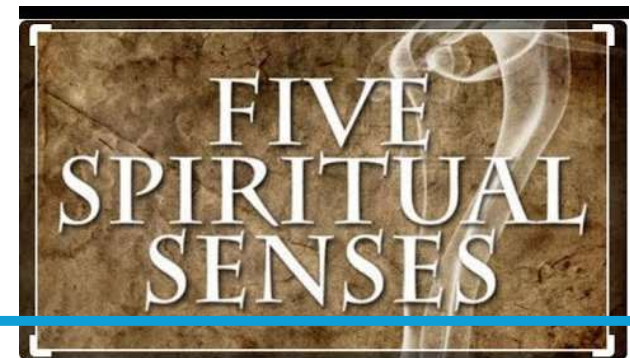
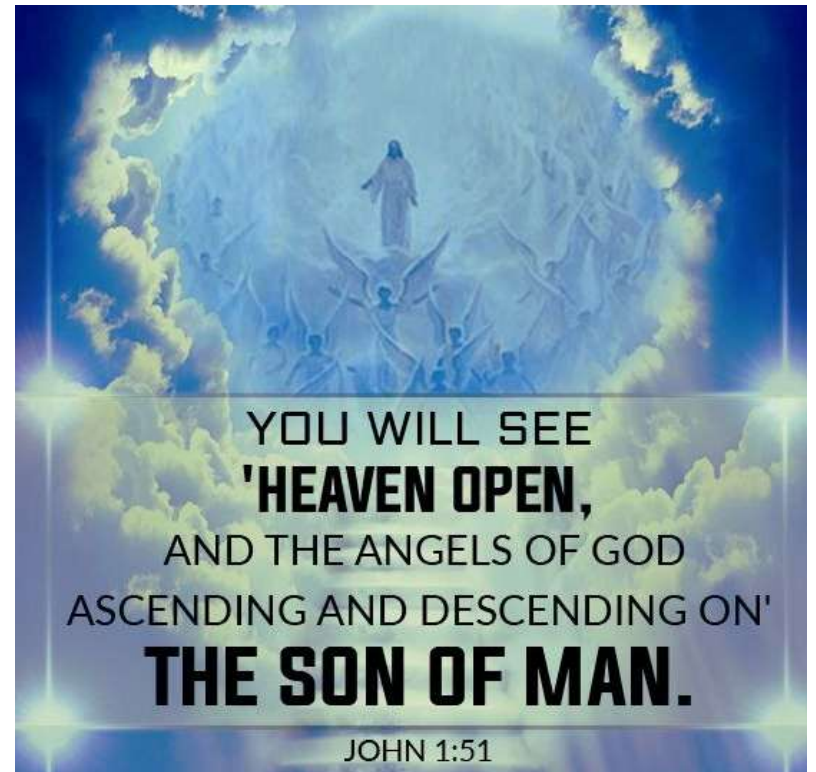
- The open heaven is above the earth. It is a release of His abundance.
- The open heaven operates and flows through His people who are the “windows of heaven.”
 - Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not **open you** the windows of heaven, and **pour you out** a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.* Malachi 3:10
- Sinners are the “gates of hell”.
- The promised “open heaven” for the “greater things” is given to OVERCOMERS, true Israelites, prevailing princes.
- There were ten people in the Bible who saw and open heaven. They were: Enoch, Elijah, Elisha, Israel in the wilderness, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Steven, Peter, Paul, and John.



- But most importantly Jesus saw an open heaven at the Jordan.
- At the Jordan, the heavens opened and they stayed open.
- Jesus, the pattern son experienced an open heaven.
 - And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, **the heavens were opened unto him**, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: Matthew 3:16
 - Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened. Luke 3:21
- The realm of the Spirit was constantly open to Him as the King of glory!
- You see, the world that we see with our natural eyes is temporary. It is transient, the transient cosmos. The world that we see with our natural eyes actually isn't even real.
- Paul says, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18
- Paul also said, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;" 2 Corinthians 4:17
 - Note the contrast – **LIGHT** affliction; **WEIGHT** of Glory.
- The REAL world is the INVISIBLE REALM of the SPIRIT.
- Heaven is REAL, and it is closer than you think.



- Many have seen angels.
- Some have seen the Lord.
- We've walked in the spirit realm.
 - If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Galatians 5:25
- There is an open heaven, the invisible.
- Just as we have five natural senses, we have five spiritual senses, to see, to hear, to smell, to discern, to speak, to touch, taste, feel.
- Some have smelled the Lord.
- Jesus said in John 1:51, "And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."
- The promise of an open heaven belongs to all of us.



- And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. **And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.** 2 Kings 6:18
- Elijah brought fire down from heaven twice.
- Elisha smote them with blindness.
- And Elisha said unto them, This *is* not the way, neither *is* this the city: **follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek.** But he led them to Samaria. 2 Kings 6:19
- Elisha didn't lie when he said, "**follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek**", because he blinded them.
- He led them to the gate at Samaria and then opened their eyes.

Smote with Blindness



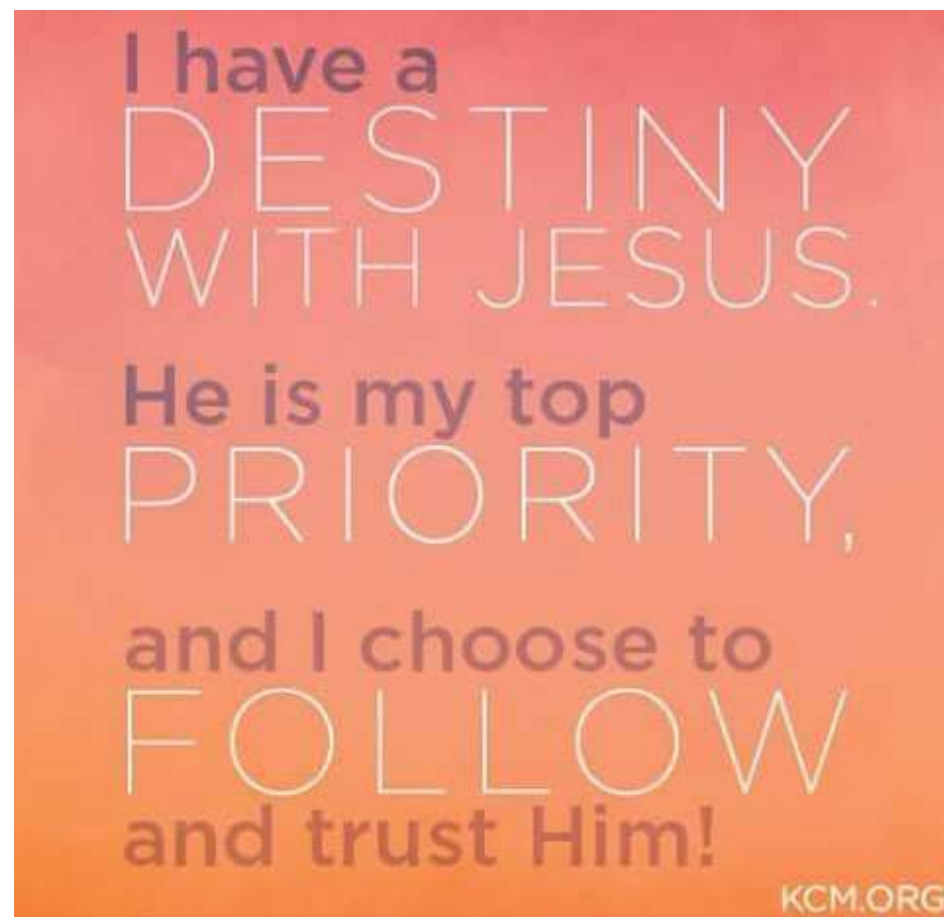
- And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, **LORD, open the eyes of these *men***, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, *they were* in the midst of Samaria. 2 Kings 6:20
- Elisha had the power to open their eyes! He had the power to shut their eyes and open their eyes. What a thought!
- He could open and shut their UNDERSTANDING.
- They found the man they sought It was him. He was standing right there in front of them, because that is the first time they saw him.



- And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite *them*? shall I smite *them*? 2 Kings 6:21
- The wicked King of Israel said, “Let’s kill him!”
- And he (Elisha) answered, Thou shalt not smite *them*: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. 2 Kings 6:22
- Elisha said, “NO. Feed them and send them home.”
- And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel. 2 Kings 6:23
- This reveals the mercy and the grace of the new covenant.
- Remember every miracle is a picture of the New Testament and Jesus.



- I believe the Lord brought you to hear this message today to retrieve, to recover, and to resurrect something that's been lost.
- Every son has a dream and a destiny.
- What is your purpose? What is your dream?
- You may say, "I lost it."
- Where did it fall?
- Take the Master back to the place where you lost it.
- You may say, I didn't have a dream, I borrowed someone else's dream or purpose.
- Even a borrowed dream has a right to live.
- Take a Psalm and begin to praise him.
- Take a sermon and preach it to someone.
- Just START!



- Start walking out your destiny that you have been called.
- We are all called to be ministers of the gospel.
 - Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God;
 - Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; 2 Corinthians 3:5-6
- What about your children? God gave you your children.
- If God gave you children, when they arrived, their package included a destiny.
- Go home and tell your family that every one of them has a destiny, a dream and a calling that has a right to live.
- You have a Destiny. You were born for such a time as this!
- Let the Lord form you and shape you and resurrect you. Go, walk in your calling!





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