

Our Safety in the Most Frightening of Times 2 Kings 6:8-23

Jerusalem, once so full of people, is now deserted. She who was once great among the nations now sits alone like a widow. Once the queen of all the earth, she is now a slave. ²She sobs through the night; tears stream down her cheeks. Lamentations 1:1-2a (New Living Translation)

- **GOD IS AWARE OF YOUR NEED AND IN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION.**

Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel, he took counsel with his servants, saying, "At such and such a place shall be my camp." ⁹But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are going down there." ¹⁰And the king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God told him. Thus he used to warn him, so that he saved himself there more than once or twice. ¹¹And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?" ¹²And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." ¹³And he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him." It was told him, "Behold, he is in Dothan." 2 Kings 6:8-13 (ESV)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me! ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Psalm 139:1-3 (ESV)

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, . . . Ephesians 1:11 (New International Version)

"Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen." Acts 4:27-28 (NIV)

". . . remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, ¹⁰declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done . . . ¹¹ . . . I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass . . ." Isaiah 46:9-11 (ESV)

- **GOD'S RESOURCES ARE ENOUGH TO PROTECT YOUR LIFE AND MEET YOUR NEED.**

And he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him." It was told him, "Behold, he is in Dothan." ¹⁴So he sent there horses and chariots and a great army, and they came by night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" ¹⁶He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:13-17 (ESV)

By faith Moses . . . ²⁷ . . . left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. Hebrews 11:24, 27 (NIV)

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. Psalm 125:2 (ESV)

Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? Matthew 26:53 (ESV)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." Daniel 3:16-18 (ESV)

- **WHEN YOU UNDERSTAND THAT GOD IS IN CONTROL AND THAT HIS RESOURCES ARE SUFFICIENT, YOU LEARN TO ASK FOR GOD'S INTERVENTION.**

When the Syrians attacked, Elisha prayed, "O LORD, strike these men blind!" The LORD answered his prayer and struck them blind. ¹⁹Then Elisha . . . led them to Samaria. ²⁰As soon as they had entered the city, . . . The LORD . . . restored their sight, and they saw that they were inside Samaria. . . . ²³So the king of Israel . . . sent them back to the king of Syria. From then on the Syrians stopped raiding the land of Israel. 2 Kings 6:18-23 (Good News Translation)