GOD'S INVISIBLE HELP

2 Kings 6:8-23

I. <u>GOD'S WORD</u>: GOD PROTECTED ISRAEL BY TELLING ELISHA ARAM'S PLANS (2 KINGS 6:8-14).

- A. God revealed Aram's military plans to Elisha (8-12).
- B. The angry king sent his army to capture Elisha (13-14). *Obeying God's word often protects us (Proverbs 3:1-2).*

II. <u>ANGELS</u>: GOD PROTECTED ISRAEL THROUGH GUARDIAN ANGELS (2 KINGS 6:15-17).

- A. Elisha's servant was terrified by the Arameans (15).
- B. <u>Elisha prayed</u> and his servant saw God's angels (16-17). Angels protect us invisibly (Matthew 18:10; Hebrews.1:14)

III. <u>PRAYER</u>: GOD PROTECTED ISRAEL IN ANSWER TO ELISHA'S PRAYER (2 KINGS 6:18-20).

- A. <u>Elisha prayed</u> and God blinded the army so Elisha could lead them into Samaria (18-19).
- B. <u>Elisha prayed</u> and the captured army could see (20). God miraculously answers prayer (James 5:16-18).

IV. <u>GRACE</u>: GOD HUMBLED ISRAEL'S ENEMIES BY SHOWING THEM GRACE (2 KINGS 6:21-23).

- A. Israel's king wanted to kill the soldiers, but Elisha fed them and sent them home instead (6:21-23a).
- B. The Aramean's stopped raiding Israel (23b). Showing grace changes hearts (2 Timothy 2:24-25).