

“SPIRITUAL EYES”

2 Kings 6:15-18

Disciples during the play: Something was happening that was supernatural. They recognized it – went and prayed against it. They felt a change – then we had great victory. 15 saved. Illustrates the need for having spiritual eyes.

I. THE NEED FOR SPIRITUAL EYES

A. We need to see the battleground of life

1. We live in the physical realm – the 5 senses
 - a. *Elisha/servant facing people who are attacking them*

2. Elisha sees the same situation completely different: With spiritual eyes!

- a. This is a supernatural battle! The spiritual realm impacts the physical; Supernatural affects natural

1. 2 Kings 6:17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then 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. Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

- a. There's more going on than you can see: Reasons behind the reasons

3. The spiritual realm is the most important: It affects/determines the natural realm

B. But the servant only sees the physical realm: This will cause problems

1. You will come to wrong conclusions:

- a. We will form conclusions about people that are incorrect: They are devils/unresponsive, etc.
- b. We will form conclusions about cities or outreaches that are incorrect:

1. This outreach is bad/this city is bad/this church is bad

2. You will take wrong actions:

- a. You will attack people – when they're not the real problem
- b. You will want to quit!

3. You will fail to take the correct or needed actions:

- a. If you accept things as they are – you will not stop the enemy's power or strategies

II. GAINING SPIRITUAL EYES

A. The desperate need is to gain spiritual insight

1. We need eyes that see into the spiritual realm

a. V16 there are more with us than with them V17 open his eyes, Lord... Elisha already saw it!

2. The Bible also speaks uses another metaphor of spiritual sensitivity: Hearing

a. 1 Ki 19:12 after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

3. Both metaphors are showing us that the spiritual realm is sensed

a. No meters/can't put it in a manual; It has to be felt!

B. How do we gain spiritual sensitivity?

1. We gain spiritual insight by seeking it: You ask for it!

a. V17 Elisha prayed and said, Open his eyes, Lord that he might see...

- a. Seek & you shall find...you will find me when you search with all your heart...

1. Proverbs 2:3-5 Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. 4 Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. 5 Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God.

2. We gain spiritual insight by our connection with headship

- a. The disciples asked Jesus questions: Why couldn't we cast the demon out?

- b. Elisha helped his servant gain insight: Open his eyes

1. Interesting rebellious people do the dumbest things: They lack spiritual insight!

3. We gain spiritual insight by responding to what God shows us

- a. God tests us – to see what we'll do with what He shows us

III. USING SPIRITUAL EYES

A. What are we supposed to do with this insight?

1. You use it to battle spiritually: You change the spiritual atmosphere

a. 2 Kings 6:18 So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

2. This is what dominion is: Using spiritual authority to change the spiritual atmosphere

- a. This brings about changes in the natural realm!

1. Response/finances/attitudes, etc.