

Sermon Notes

I Believe In Miracles: Part 4

March 13th-14th, 2021

- **I Believe In Miracles: Recap**
- Keeping first things first from **1 Corinthians 1:22-23**.
 - o When handled properly the deep spiritual and the deep intellectual are good!
- **Part 4: God's Armies Revealed**
- Going Old Testament with this one. Lots of wars in a "might makes right" kind of world. Not so great.
 - o Israel was at war with Aram, but Israel had a secret weapon in Elisha! **2 Kings 6:8-23**
- Lesson 1) There is a whole lot more going on than what we can see!
 - o There is a spirit world. There are angels and demons. This has not changed in the meantime.
 - o Science is seeing this to some extent. Theoretical Physics does not hold to 4-dimensional atheism.
 - Doesn't prove Jesus either, but there is plenty of room for rational faith in God.
 - o Don't go off the rails with this and start seeing a demon behind every corner.
 - The good news is that God is more powerful than the devil and all his demons.
 - In fact, the devil is already defeated by Christ on the cross. We win! **2 Kings 6:16**
- Lesson 2) You can have peace in times of trouble.
 - o Compare the reactions of Elisha and his servant in **2 Kings 6:15-16**.
 - o They were in EXACTLY the same situation!
 - o What was the difference? Elisha knew God's angel armies were there, but his servant did not.
 - Our spiritual vision is the difference maker. **Matthew 6:22-23**
 - This is a crazy world. We can feel outnumbered as believers and vulnerable.
 - Let me tell you about my first 10-15 years as a believer. I was always outnumbered.
 - But not in the spirit! Angel armies AND **1 John 4:4!**
- Lesson 3) See the Scriptures through the lens of **2 Kings 6:16** and **1 John 4:4**.
 - o This is how **James 4:7** works. Submit to God. Then the angel armies help you! Now resist!!
 - o Apply this to **Philippians 4:6-7**. If you feel alone, outnumbered, and vulnerable it won't work.
- Lesson 4) God has unconventional ways for us to win the battle!
 - o How did God end this particular war with Aram?
 - Caused them to become helpless...then fed them and let them go!
 - o In New Testament times we do not wage war as the world does.
 - Our armor is different and our weapons are different to advance the Kingdom of God.
 - o I don't get political much in church. But let me tell you the ministry strategy behind this.
 - We prayed for the Women's Care Center. Why? Because as Christians we believe in the sanctity of human life. That is, every life is a sacred thing. Even the unwanted unborn.
 - Yet, in the US more unborn babies have died from abortion than people from Covid.
 - What do we do? (Please help me with this)
 - Participate in the political system? Yes. We have a responsibility to do that.
 - But politics can only do so much. The final goal is not to have unwanted children born into harsh circumstances to be neglected, abused, and caught in the same cycle.
 - What we need is for a generation to break free from that cycle through Christ. To see their divine value, to live accordingly, and to bring life into this world that is valued.
 - I want abortion to stop because revival causes demand to dry up!
 - Abortion is down 50% since 1980. Let's continue that trend through evangelism!
 - Let's fight this war with the love of God.
- My bottom line goal is that I don't want you to feel abandoned and alone. God is with you.
 - o But, some of you still feel that way. The miracle I want for you is to know that God is there.
 - o Footprints in the Sand.
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