



TOPIC: Seeing Beyond

Lesson in a Line: Peace today and victory tomorrow depend on your ability to see beyond your current circumstances to the presence, power and promises of God.

Points to Make

- ❖ In II Kings 6:8-23, Elisha’s servant could only see one part of what was happening in the hills around his house. He could not see beyond his own fear.
- ❖ The prophet asked God to “open his eyes”, to see beyond the opposing armies to the much greater armies of the Lord.
- ❖ Balaam could only see the king’s messengers, the road ahead, the gate, and the money to be had beyond the gate. He could not see the angel of the Lord with a drawn sword, warning him that this was the way of death. He could not see beyond his own desire.
- ❖ Jacob went to sleep in the desert, on the run, vulnerable, uncomfortable and alone. He could see his situation.
- ❖ He was on his way to an uncertain future, and the certainty of death if he tried to return to his past. All he could see as he lay down was darkness, rocks and regret.
- ❖ But God opened his eyes to see something we all need to see: If you are a child of God then wherever you are, the angels of God are with you.
- ❖ They are descending to earth to meet your needs, to bring you messages, warnings, blessings, whatever is appropriate.
- ❖ They are ascending to heaven to take to God their observations of you, to bring your prayers before Him as a precious fragrance.
- ❖ God opened Jacob’s eyes to see that He is never far.
- ❖ He is right here, right now, actively involved in your life, whoever you think you are, whatever you have done, wherever you think you are going. And God wants to talk to you. He wants to help you to see beyond.
- ❖ Seeing beyond is not only necessary when we are in a dark place. Sometimes we need most to see beyond when everything is looking bright around us.

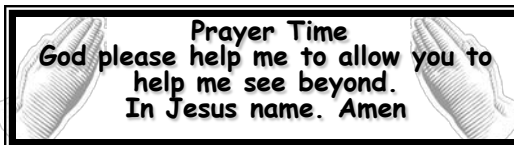
Key Scriptures:

**II Kings 6:8-23; Numbers 22:1-12; 21-33;
Genesis 28:10-16; Genesis 39:1-20;
Hebrews 11:24-27**

- ❖ Things were going great for Joseph after a while as he was working for Potiphar, the “captain of the guard” (Genesis 39).
- ❖ Some would say he could have had it even better – Potiphar’s wife offered herself to him.
- ❖ But Joseph saw beyond the opportunity for pleasure. He said, “No, if I do this thing I would sin against my God”.
- ❖ Many years after Joseph, Moses grew up in the royal palace of Egypt, treated and trained as heir to the throne.
- ❖ But the Hebrew scriptures his mother had taught him would not leave his mind. He began to see beyond the walls of the palace a people whose blood flowed through his own body.
- ❖ Moses looked beyond their despair to a day of deliverance.
- ❖ What do you need to see beyond?
- ❖ To see beyond we first have to be willing to open our eyes and see God.

Discussion Tools

- ❖ Discuss some of the things you/we need to see beyond.
- ❖ “Seeing beyond isn’t only necessary when we are in a dark place.” Discuss a time when you were a good situation, but you needed God to open your eyes.



ICE-BREAKER: What is your favourite ice cream flavour and/or where is your favourite place to buy or eat it?

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