

ALLIES AND ADVERSARIES: THE INVISIBLE AND THE INVINCIBLE

“For the eyes of the Lord move to and from throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.” **2 Chronicles 16:9**

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“To show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are blameless toward Him. **2 Chronicles 16:9 AMPC**

- Note: He is looking to strongly and powerfully support people whose hearts are turned towards Him.
 - He is looking to bless, not judge...
- The enemy would convince us that He is ‘out to get us’ and be sure that we get ‘what we deserve’ for our failures and faux pas...but not so, He is searching for opportunities to bless us.
 - The evil one and his minions are out to confuse, condemn and pepper people with guilt, shame, grudges and regret.

Give ear to my prayer, O God; and do not hide Yourself from my supplication.

²Give heed to me and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and am surely distracted, ³Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the pressure of the wicked; for they bring down trouble upon me and in anger they bear a grudge against me. **Psalm 55:1-3 NASB**

- Yes, there are enemies but greater is He that is in us than he who is in the world...

The Arameans Plot to Capture Elisha

⁸Now the king of Aram was warring against Israel; and he counseled with his servants saying, “In such and such a place shall be my camp.” ⁹The man of God sent *word* to the king of Israel saying, “Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Arameans are coming down there.” ¹⁰The king of Israel sent to the place about which the man of God had told him; thus he warned him, so that he guarded himself there, more than once or twice.

¹¹Now the heart of the king of Aram was enraged over this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, “Will you tell me which of us is for the king of

Israel?” ¹²One of his servants said, “No, 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.” ¹³So he said, “Go and see where he is, that I may send and take him.” And it was told him, saying, “Behold, he is in Dothan.” ¹⁴He sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” ¹⁶So he answered, “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” ¹⁷Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” And the LORD opened the servant’s eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. **2 Kings 6:8-17 NASB**

- Do not fear, those with us are more than those who are with them.
 - Our allies outnumber our adversaries!
- Angels...our allies...angelic involvement.

²⁰“Behold, I am going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. ²¹Be on your guard before him and obey his voice; do not be rebellious toward him, for he will not pardon your transgression, since My name is in him. ²²But if you truly obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries. ²³For My angel will go before you and bring you in to *the land of* the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hivites and the Jebusites; and I will completely destroy them. **Exodus 23:20-23 NASB**

¹Now the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, so that the Lord gave them into the hands of the Philistines forty years. ²There was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had borne no *children*. ³Then the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, “Behold now, you are barren and have borne no *children*, but you shall conceive and give birth to a son. **Judges 13:1-3 NASB**

²⁴Then the woman gave birth to a son and named him Samson; and the child grew up and the Lord blessed him. ²⁵And the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol. **Judges 13:24-25 NASB**

Now Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.” ³And he was afraid and arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree; and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, “It is enough; now, O Lord, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers.” ⁵He lay down and slept under a juniper tree; and behold, there was an angel touching him, and he said to him, “Arise, eat.” ⁶Then he looked and behold, there was at his head a bread cake *baked on* hot stones, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again. **1 Kings 19:1-6 NASB**

The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands upon thousands. The Lord is among them as He was in Sinai, [so also] in the Holy Place (the sanctuary in Jerusalem). **Psalms 68:17 AMPC**

For He will give His angels [especial] charge over you to accompany *and* defend *and* preserve you in all your ways [of obedience and service]. **Psalms 91:11 AMPC**

¹⁹The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all. ²⁰Bless the Lord, you His angels, mighty in strength, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word! ²¹Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing His will. ²²Bless the Lord, all you works of His, In all places of His dominion; Bless the Lord, O my soul! **Psalms 103:19-22 NASB**

- Angels are mighty in strength...
 - They perform His Word...
 - They obey the ‘voice’ of His Word....

- They do His will...like strongly supporting those who totally give their hearts to Him.
- We need to help ‘employ’ angels to do what the Bible says to do.
 - We can give them the will of God by praying the will of God...by giving voice to the Word of God and releasing these allies that are mighty in strength to work on our behalf. **V21 AMPC** – His ministers who do His pleasure!

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He ^[a]then became hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” ⁴But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’”

⁵Then the devil *took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and *said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, ‘HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU’; and ‘ON *their* HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.’” ⁷Jesus said to him, “On the other hand, it is written, ‘YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’”

⁸Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; ⁹and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’” ¹¹Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and *began* to minister to Him. **Matthew 4:1-11 NASB**

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven. ¹¹[For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.] **Matthew 18:10-11 NASB**

⁸“Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!’ ¹⁰In the

same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” **Luke 15:8-10 NASB**

- Angels celebrate when the people you pray for get saved.

²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, ²³to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the blood* of Abel. **Hebrews 12:22-24 NASB**

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands **Revelation 5:11 NASB**

- The ones for us are greater than those against us!

In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans— ²in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was *revealed* as the word of the Lord to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, *namely*, seventy years. ³So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek *Him by* prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes. **Daniel 9:1-3 NASB**

²⁰Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God, ²¹while I was still speaking in prayer, then the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision previously, came to me in *my* extreme weariness about the time of the evening offering. ²²He gave *me* instruction and talked with me and said, “O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you insight with understanding. ²³At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell *you*, for you are highly esteemed; so give heed to the message and gain understanding of the vision. **Daniel 9:20-23 NASB**

- The angel came to give Daniel insight with understanding in answer to his prayers.

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar; and the message was true and *one of great conflict*, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision. ²In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks. ³I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all until the entire three weeks were completed.

Daniel 10:1-3 NASB

⁹But I heard the sound of his words; and as soon as I heard the sound of his words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground. ¹⁰Then behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. ¹¹He said to me, “O Daniel, man of high esteem, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²Then he said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart on understanding *this* and on humbling yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to your words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was withstanding me for twenty-one days; then behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left there with the kings of Persia. ¹⁴Now I have come to give you an understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet *future*.” **Daniel 10:9-14 NASB**

²⁰Then he said, “Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. ²¹However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these *forces* except Michael your prince. **Daniel 10:20-21 NASB**

- Warrior angels fight to perform the will and word of the Lord in answer to prayer.