



# STORIES OF ELIJAH & ELISHA



## Sermon Outline

### Key verse

*“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” And Elisha prayed, “O Lord, open his eyes so he may see.” Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*  
2 Kings 6:16-17

### Unseen things are eternal things

#### 1. God’s presence

*Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.*

Psalm 139:7-8

#### 2. God’s protection

*The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.*

Psalm 34:7

## ELISHA & THE CHARIOTS OF FIRE

### Opening thought

In our final story from the Old Testament power prophets, Elisha aids the Israelites by warning about the movements of the enemy army. The king of Aram suspects a traitor, but learns that it is actually the work of Elisha. When they attempt to capture Elisha things don’t go as planned! An unseen force is standing guard and the tables quickly turn as Elisha strikes the enemy with blindness and leads them into Samaria as prisoners of war.

This is a story about unseen things. From it we learn about God’s presence and protection.

### For personal reflection or group discussion.

- Which of the 5 senses would be most difficult for you to lose?
- Do you believe in guardian angels? (check out Heb 1:14, Mt 18:10)

### Questions to go deeper in your faith.

What do you find most amazing about this story?

The way Elisha knew the movements of the enemy? The horses and chariots of fire? God opening the eyes of Elisha’s servant? God blinding the Arameans? The way the enemy was treated in Samaria?

There is a spiritual war happening which we cannot always see. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. Which piece of the armor of God do you most need right now? Why?

Share about a time when God intervened to protect you.

Elisha tells his servant in verse 16, “Don’t be afraid.” Why does the presence of God calm our fears?

### Prayer

Thank you, Lord for watching over us. Open our eyes to see your hand at work. Free us from fear and give us courage to stand strong in the face of the enemy. Protect us from evil and fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus. In His name we pray, Amen.

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Next **Sunday, March 7**  
Adult and youth classes are invited to a special presentation in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour.