

SEEING THE UNSEEN

TEXT: II KINGS 6:8-18

In the Christian life there are two dimensions we must deal with, visible and invisible, or, temporal and eternal. However, we must not allow one to overcome the other. I believe the Bible brings out to us that we must focus on the eternal and view life with the invisible in mind. In the Christian life there's more than meets the eye.

In our times of trouble we must choose to see by faith and believe that God has every situation under control, that He has everything in order and that we are the victors in this conflict. We must see that God is at work.

1. The visible is not the complete picture

- We need not live in fear when we consider that God is there.
- "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." II Corinthians 4:17-18
- Our perspective of faith or sight will greatly affect how we deal with a troublesome situation.

2. The invisible gives clarity to our circumstance

- God will in His time reveal what we need for the moment.
- "When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; ¹⁷Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end." Psalm 73:16-17
- "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8
- "Frequent prayers lessen daily cares." —J. Goetsch

Which one are you when trouble comes? Are you the young man that failed to see the invisible and became distressed in trouble? Or are you Elisha who simply saw with eyes of faith, the great host of heaven waging the battle against our trouble?

See God through your trouble and realise that He's just as real, too.

The Bible encourages us to fix our eyes not on what is seen but what is unseen. When we do, we can rejoice, no matter what trouble or hardship we face because we see the bigger picture of eternity.