

# **WHAT DO YOU SEE?**

## **II Kings 6:15-23**

**What do you see amid the crises of life?  
Who do you see amid the crises of life?**

**Today we'll see some ways that God reveals Himself to those in crisis.**

### **I. A SERVANT'S SIGHT** (15-17)

#### **A. HIS CONDITION** (15a)

- A religious man on a routine morning

#### **B. HIS CALAMITY** (15b)

- Surrounded by enemies!

#### **C. HIS QUESTION** (15c)

- What shall we do?

##### **1. The Implications**

- Action is required: He assumes that they should be doing something

##### **2. The Fear**

- An uncertainty about what to do next

##### **3. The Reality**

- His faith has never before been tested like this ...

#### **D. HIS COMPANION** (16-17a)

- It's good to have a godly friend when calamities come

##### **1. Calming: "Do not fear" (16a)**

##### **2. Encouraging: We have them outnumbered! (16b)**

##### **3. Praying: Getting God involved (17a)**

#### **E. HIS COMFORT** (17b)

##### **1. God's Involvement**

- He opened the servant's eyes

##### **2. God's Revelation**

- Behold horses and chariots of fire - cf. II Chron. 32:7 and Psalm 68:17

#### **F. HIS CRISIS**

**1. It's amazing what one can see when they get a glimpse of God and His protection and provision - He sees a sovereign God who is in control - See Psalm 27:1-6**

**2. Without the crisis God's comfort would have remained unknown**

## II. THE SOLDIER'S SIGHT (18-23)

### A. THEIR CONQUEST (11-18a)

1. Defiant (11-14)
  - They are attacking God's man
2. Delighted (18a)
  - They had successfully snuck into town undetected!
  - They have him where they want him ... victory is in sight.

### B. THEIR CRISIS (18b-21)

1. Darkness (18b)
2. Deception (19)
3. Desperation (20)
4. Doom (21)
  - The king of Israel is anxious to beat or kill them

### C. THEIR COMFORT (22-23a)

1. Elisha's Words (22a)
  - a. Intervention: No beating or death
  - b. Suggestions: Feed them bread and water and let them walk away
2. The King's Ways (23a)
  - a. Preparing a feast
  - b. Providing their freedom

### D. THEIR COMMITMENT (23b)

- They discontinued their raids on Israel

### E. THEIR CONDITION

1. Amazed
  - Imagine the stories the soldiers told to those back home
2. Aware
  - They know that the God of Israel is powerful and merciful!
  - They got a glimpse of a God who saves!

## CONCLUSION:

What do you see?

- As God's servant: Do you see a sovereign God who is in control?
- As a sinner: Do you see a saving God?
  - A God who is merciful (See Rom. 5:6-8)

Psalm 121:1-2

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