

## **The Unseen Power of God's Protection and Provision**

**Dan 11:31-33**

Key to overcome - knowing

Christ – do great **EXPLOITS – now – not one day**

not just **ONE DAY** when he return

**Luke 19:13; Matthew 20:13-15**  
**'Do business till I come.'** NKJV

13 "But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' 14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money?' Or are

You envious because I am generous?'

**11th hour - grace**

Jesus came to show us what

God is like

The **All-Knowing** God that

Overwhelms us with His Favor

1. God knows you perfect – love inf! – in **law – sin more?**- **wo well - transformed**

What if your **wife – inlaw** – everything you think – very frightening that – some imagine **PAS** can see – afraid to bum into

2. God knows all the troubles you are going through – **happy** if – **fact - plane**

Think – only be **HAPPY** – if **figured** things out

**Fact** – you don't have to figure everything thing out to be happy  
How many know how a **plane work?**

You may not have the ans – you can get to know the God who has all the **ans – soln**

**Know the God that knows all:**

bio, physics, chem., psychology, medicine, genetics, economy, politics – past and fut!

Not always keep us from trouble – def deliver from

We wont **stay down** – **emerge** stronger – keep on

**Know God – theology – omniscience (all knowing) – omnipotent**

**Man drove car – landed ditch**

– police pull by – man said – thank God – an angel travelled with me. Police: no – thank God angel is with me – you are about to kill him

**God is bigger than that**

**2 Kings 6:8-17**

**King of Aram – war – Elisha would warn – strategies and whereabouts of the army of Aram – king angry – which of you – spy**

12 "None of us, my lord the king," said one of his officers, "but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom."

13 "Go, find out where he is," the king ordered, "so I can send men and capture him." The report came back: "He is in Dothan." 14 Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

**Dothan: double distress – double pressure**

**Prophet of God doing his job – protecting the nation – why trouble?**

**Why are we under attacks when we are doing the **things of God?****

**Why does distress come when we are doing the **things of God?****

**Simple – just like **hunter – alive!** – **movers** and shakers**

**Hunter** – saw 2 – one half dead bird

– what do? - leave dead alone – go after the living – **why** – can always

go back and get – can afford to leave the dead alone

**Don't be surprised** – big min under attack time to time all over world? movers and shakers – alive

D care very little about a dying church – attacked – show alive!

**1. Distress can come because we are impacting the nations**

First target is the leadership – why – after the sheep - **Elisha**

If successful – **Elisha** – nation suffer – not protected from the attacks of enemy  
Strike the shepherd – sheep scattered

**Why does the devil attack the blessings of the leaders?**

Attack rel – health – **common** area: the blessings of leader – **rob blessing from the rest** – cannot **impact** world

People of world wont be **impressed** by your sp riches!  
**Genesis 45:25-28**

**Bros tell Jacob – Joseph alive – Jacob stunned and don't believe – till – saw cart – Joseph knew his father!**

25 So they went up out of Egypt and came to their father Jacob in the land of Canaan. 26 They told him, "Joseph is still alive! In fact, he is ruler of all Egypt." Jacob was stunned; he did not believe them.

**27 But when they told him everything Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts Joseph had sent to carry him back ... Jacob said, "I'm convinced! My son Joseph is still alive ..."**

**Amazing** – I cant trust man of God with money – how can you trust him for spiritual things – like – teaches on rel? which is

more valuable – most materialistic – money more impt than rel

**Pray for your leader! Praying self**  
**2 Cor 1:11**

You help us greatly by labouring in your prayers for us that thanks may be given by many for the gift (charisma: anointing, grace, favor) granted us through the prayer of many. JY

One of the things – ministering to the leaders and potential leaders – pray for leaders – in new year

**Strong force raised** – against **Elisha**

Here - outnumbered 10,000 to one - vict

**2 Kings 6:15-17**

15 When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked.

16 "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

17 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.

**Elisha prayed – open their eyes!**

**2. Overcome distress with divine vision**

**Need leaders – vision of what God can do**

**What kind of leaders is needed to produce supernatural results?**

*We need leaders that are Spirit-filled, visionary, dynamic, that produce supernatural results, in contrast to the natural that limits our potential.*

**The nat will limit the work of God**

3 types of churches – driven by vision

caretaking – undertaking – risk taking – driven by vision and not **LIMITED** by budget

**Budgeting – good** impt for **business - home** but wont work in the work of Lord – **must be driven - faith and vision**

– great missionaries – Robert Morrison, Hudson Taylor – Living stone

**CHO:** listen and obey

Years ago, someone I look up to – suppose to be spiritual - asked

– with such big **vision** - how many businessman – handful of business

**Disappointed**

– 23 mill – 97 - recalled loan – oh it's finished – 2 yrs ago – finished – how?

Ord peo – didn't realise – God using ch – raise up ENTP – ord → extraord

Servant saw – more angels than

**Forces for us** – more - greater than forces against - He who is in us ...

No need to fear **hotels** and house

No more fear of staying in any **hotels** and any house – just bind and expel – **legal** and **spiritual** right - conscious of angels

*Psalms 138:1*

*I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.*

Sometimes, we are **troubled** by one or 2 that cause prob – and forget many that are for us

God ans Elisha's prayer – men **blinded** – led to captivity in capital of Isreal – Samaria –

*2 Kings 6:24-26*

24 Some time later King Benhadad of Syria led his entire

army against Israel and laid siege to the city of Samaria. 25 As a result of the siege the food shortage in the city was so severe that a donkey's head cost eighty pieces of silver, and half a pound of dove's dung cost five pieces of silver. TEV

People resorted to eating one another – real famine

King – so bitter with

disappointment – kill the prophet – one minute – my father – next kill – careful – people flattering you ...

Just bef he can do that – Elisha said

*2 Kings 7:1-3*

1 Elisha said, "Hear the word of the LORD. This is what the LORD says: About this time tomorrow, a seah of flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria."

2 The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, "Look, even if the LORD should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?"

What happen when we follow the negative people?

The officer is just like his master the king – negative

Everything **rises** and falls upon leadership – foll the **negative** – **robbed**

"You will see it with your own eyes," answered Elisha, "but you will not eat any of it!"

*2 Kings 7:17* he died just as the man of God had foretold

17 Now the king had put the officer on whose arm he leaned in charge of the gate, and the people trampled him in the gateway, and he died, just as the man of God had foretold when the king came down to his house.

How sad – rob himself of his blessing – what he say - unbelief

**This pros gospel** – wealth health

Then **WHAT** should we preach – poverty and sickness

Jesus never go to any **HEALTHY** guy with good complexion – receive the blessings of God – leprosy – peo gloried God for all the sicknesses they receive

*Ps 105:37*

*37 He also brought them out with silver and gold, and there was none feeble among His tribes. NKJV*

Oh I don't believe – then **don't** – pass to us who do!

Kingdom Gospel

*2 Kings 7:3*

Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die? NKJV

*2 Kings 7:6-7*

6 for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!" 7 So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives.

4 lepers – outside the gate – saying – why remain – die any way – go out – perhaps – Syrian – will spare – worst – kill us

Pict of grace – **11<sup>th</sup> HR** generation — min effort -

Pas – they not going to be tough peo!

How to receive blessings without being corrupted by them?

Rightly worried – not asking – going thru same – appreciate effort

Remain in grace – thankful – grateful

**BEN** – Joseph – double – grace with you

Genesis 43:29 And he said, "God be gracious to you, my son.

v34 - five times more!

**3. Grace enables us to enjoy the best and give the best**

*2 Kings 7:9*

9 Then they said to each other, "We're not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let's go at once and report this to the royal palace."

Eat and drink, grabbed silver and gold – pros in times of famine

We shouldn't just do this – good news – tell it to the king

Have the best, use the best – give the best!

*Prov 1:32*

the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. KJV

Oh – I got **PhD** – if don't ack God – fool

Fool says there is no God – don't **ack**

**GOOD** news – we have **ALL** the money we need do – challenge – all in your pocket!

Keep giving – never god

*2 Kings 7:12*

12 The king got up in the night and said to his officers, "I will tell you what the Arameans have done to us. They know we are starving; so they have left the camp to hide in the countryside, thinking, 'They will surely come out, and then we will take them alive and get into the city.'"

What a pict of one that walk in the natural – always imagining the **worst** – **fear** – rob us of all the opport

Careful – this pros ch – preacher

**Officers: nothing** to loose –  
dying anyway – send 5 men  
with the only horses left –  
found the camp as it was  
described

Been to **POOR** place – hard to  
preach giving – remind –  
nothing to loose – opport to be  
great

**Pray** – like Elisha – open eyes –  
this EAPP - **word**

*1 Thessalonians 2:13*

*13 And we also thank God  
continually because, when you  
received the word of God, which  
you heard from us, you accepted  
it not as the word of men, but as  
it actually is, the word of God,  
which is at work in you who  
believe.*

911 – guy miss flight – tire  
punctured

Father – fireman – very stubborn  
– resistant – lost his life in the  
twin towers

3 months later, knock on door –  
couple with a baby

The lady – 7 months pregnant –  
saved by the fireman – carrying  
her on his back – way down –  
she shared gospel – knees –  
received Christ – went back –  
didn't what he has to

Couple asked permission –  
name baby after their father

Makes ord → extraord

Fearful → secure

Someone walking by side –  
knows all and cares