

Greater is our God

I **God plays chess while the devil plays checkers!**

Elisha assures us, the believer, that our fatalistic outlook is not entirely accurate.

Hebrews 10:32-38 The believer needs endurance in his faith.

Proverbs 16:3-4 The creator God knows checkmate before the game begins.

BenHadad (Naaman's monarch) - a constant enemy Israel

We come to resemble what we worship most.

Revelation 12:10-12 Eternal victory is secured by Jesus Christ!

Isaiah 8:10 Elisha's prophetic information was incredibly accurate.

The believer must strive to hear from God with this degree of accuracy.

II **What to remember when you are surrounded by the enemy.**

Even God's enemies acknowledge that the man of God is the best defense that Israel has.

Psalm 118:6-9 There are 365 direct instructions in the Bible not to fear.

Acts 28:3-5 (Paul and the viper) We will be targeted by the enemy for removal from the battle.

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon formed against you will stand.

III **God opens the eyes of His people and blinds those who reject Him.**

I John 4:4 Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world!

We have two choices:

We can act like the servant.

The Devil exploits fears.

We can react like Elisha did.

Fear - meditates upon the devil's lies

Faith - meditates on the truth of God's promises

Stop panicking - Start trusting

Stop panicking "The truth is, we fear men and devils so much because we fear God so little." Greg Haslam

Romans 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

Luke 10:17-20 The Devil may be powerful, but he is not all-powerful.

Start trusting

Psalm 34:7 His servants protect us.

Mark 4:35-41 Jesus' peace in a host of spiritual battles.

Psalm 91:9-12 They also minister to the protection and other needs of God's heirs. (Heb 1:14)

Matthew 26:53 Elisha is now on the offensive, his main weapon, prayer.

IV Love your enemies!

Psalm 33:10-13	Their ambush had gone horribly wrong.
Romans 12:20-21	Our real enemies are not people.
Proverbs 25:21-22	Love your enemies it will drive them nuts.
Matthew 5:43-44	Love your enemies by...
Matthew 6:33-34	Leading them to what they seek.
John 12:37-41 & 9:25	Opening their eyes.
Romans 10:1	Pleading to the King to save them from slaughter.