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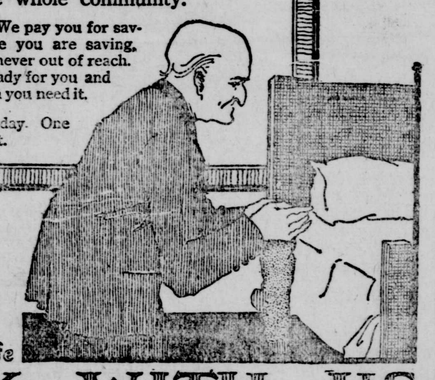

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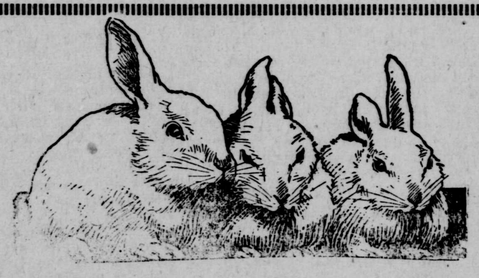

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LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 26

ELISHA'S HEAVENLY DEFENDERS

LESSON TEXT—II Kings 6:8-23.

GOLDEN TEXT—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.—Ps. 34:7.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—Dan. 6:1-23; Heb. 1:14; 11:27.

PRIMARY TOPIC—God Takes Care of Elisha.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Elisha and the Armies of Jehovah.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Our Unseen Defenders.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—What Faith in the Unseen Can Do for Us.

1. The Syrian King Sorely Troubled (vv. 8-12).

1. The King's plan. (v. 8). His method was a kind of guerrilla warfare—armed bands made incursions into the enemy's territory. He determined as to where camps should be located so as to intercept Israel's army. His plan was clever, but his great mistake was that he left God out of his calculations. There is one place where all plans and movements are known (Heb. 4:13).

2. The enemy's movements disclosed (v. 9). The man of God, knowing the enemy's movements, was able to tell the king about them. Elisha's advice was more than a match for the wily plans of the shrewd Ben-hadad. Israel's safety lay more in the man of God than in their warriors.

3. The king of Israel heeded Elisha's word (v. 10). This was true wisdom. By obeying the prophet's words he saved himself and army many times. Those who are truly wise heed the divine warnings.

4. The Syrian king's perplexity (vv. 11, 12). In his perplexity he assembled his servants and demanded that the traitor be made known. He believed that some were playing into the hands of the enemy; therefore he would put an end to the treachery. This was denied, and one of his servants declared that the king's movements were reported by Elisha the prophet, even telling to the king of Israel what Ben-hadad spake in his bedchamber. Ben-hadad was worried not because of his sins, but because his plans miscarried.

II. The Syrian King Tries to Trap Elisha (vv. 13-18).

1. He sent an army to capture him (vv. 13, 14). Upon learning that Elisha was making known his actions, he determined to put an end to the matter by trapping him and making him a prisoner. How foolish to put human cunning against divine wisdom. Horses and chariots are useless when God is against us. God's purposes cannot be thwarted. If God be for us, who can be against us?

2. Elisha's servant frightened (v. 15). When he awoke one morning he saw that an armed host was encamping about the city. Viewed from the human standpoint, we do not wonder that he was affrighted.

3. Elisha's encouragement (v. 16). He assured his servant that, though they were surrounded by the Syrian army, there was a mightier host of heavenly defenders round about them. Elisha did not shut his eyes to the real danger, but looked to the helpers of God watching about them.

4. Elisha's prayer (v. 17). He asked that the Lord would open the eyes of his servant so as to see spiritual things. When the Lord opened the eyes of the young man he saw that "the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." Round about us all the while are angels guarding us from danger.

5. The Syrians smitten with blindness (v. 18). The same God who opened the eyes of the young man, blinded the eyes of the Syrians. God deals with men according to their moral attitude. When men will not have the light, God sends darkness.

III. The Syrian Army Trapped (vv. 19-23).

The would-be trappers are now trapped.

1. Army led by the man sought by them (vv. 19, 20). Elisha led them to Samaria and asked the Lord to open their eyes. When their eyes were open they saw the man whom they sought, but not at the place where they sought him. Instead of seeing him at Dothan as they expected, they saw him in Samaria.

2. The generous treatment of the Syrians (vv. 21-23). The king of Israel wanted to smite the captives, but Elisha forbade him and ordered instead that they should be fed and sent back to their master.

3. Peace between the nations (v. 23). The mercy shown to the Syrians had such a profound effect upon them that they came no more to make war upon Israel. What a fine thing if we could have such humanity shown today!

Give Thanks to God.

Sleep should be light, so that we may easily awake; for we ought to rise frequently in the night, in order to give thanks to God. . . . We who have the word, the watchman, dwelling in us, must not sleep through the night.—St. Clement of Alexandria.

Bodily Exercise and Godliness.

Bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.—I Timothy, 4:8.

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