

Accomplishing the Impossible (v. 18-23)

v. 16 – “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

 **The Power of God**

See the power of God over the minds and understanding of men, both ways; he enlightened the eyes of Elisha’s friend, and darkened the eyes of his foes, that they might see indeed, but not perceive. For this twofold judgment Christ came into this world, that those who see not might see, and that those who see might be made blind (Jn. 9:39), a savior of life to some, of death to others. Matthew Henry

The word for God’s power: omnipotent

 **The Confidence of His people**

**Reasons God’s people should not be afraid:**

† God is with us to strengthen us

† The battle is not ours, but God’s... and He has already won.

† God is far greater than any enemy that we will ever face.

† Our God is a great and awesome God.

† Jesus has given us His peace

**Does this mean that with God, we will no longer suffer, or that we will always be victorious?**

† We should EXPECT to have to endure suffering.

† The real battle is a spiritual one...

A Truth to Remember: God will never desert us & He is always in control.

A Challenge to Consider: Will you take one of the promises listed on this outline and write it on your heart?

**One Thing I heard this morning was:**

**Next Week: 2 Kings 4:8-36 –  
THE SHUNAMITE WOMAN – “NO GOOD DEED GOES UNPUNISHED.”**

**SCRIPTURES TO MEDITATE ON THIS WEEK:**

Isaiah 43:13 (NIV) – Yes, and from ancient days I am he. **No one can deliver out of my hand.** When I act, who can reverse it?” (Dt. 32:39)

2 Chronicles 20:6 (NIV) – “O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? **You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you.**

Daniel 4:35 (NIV) – All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. **He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: “What have you done?”**

Job 42:2 (NIV) – “I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.

Matthew 19:26 (NIV) – Jesus looked at them and said, “**With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.**”

Luke 1:37 (NIV) – **For nothing is impossible with God.**”

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV) – Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, **for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.**”

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV) – So do not fear, **for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.** (Deut. 31:8; Josh. 1:9; Is. 41:13)

2 Chronicles 20:15b (NIV) – This is what the Lord says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. **For the battle is not yours, but God’s.**

2 Chronicles 32:7 (NIV) – “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him, **for there is a greater power with us than with him.**

Deuteronomy 7:21 (NIV) – Do not be terrified by them, **for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a great and awesome God.**

John 14:27 (NIV) – Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 16:12-15)

1 Peter 2:21 (NIV) – **To this you were called,** because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 4:12-13 (NIV) – Dear friends, **do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering,** as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. (1 Pet. 5:9-10; 2 Tim. 1:8; Rom. 8:17-18; 5:3; James 1:2-3; Heb. 12:4-11)

Revelation 2:10 (NIV) – **Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer.** I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Luke 12:4, “And I say to you, My friends, **do not be afraid of those who kill the body,** and after that.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17 (NIV) Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. **For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.**

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV) We are surrounded by a great cloud of people whose lives tell us what faith means. So let us run the race that is before us and never give up. We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way and the sin that so easily holds us back. Let us look only to Jesus, the One who began our faith and who makes it perfect. He suffered death on the cross. But he accepted the shame as if it were nothing because of the joy that God put before him. And now he is sitting at the right side of God’s throne.