

Bible/College Class Notes – Studies in 1 and 2 Kings – Lesson 124

Sin and its Cure

This week - Are we at war with God. There is no neutral position. Whose side are you on?

**Elisha prayed, and said, “LORD, I pray
Thee, open his eyes, that he may see.”**
2 Kings 6v17.

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	2 Kings 6v8-23 (At war with God)	
Monday	Psalms 139 (God knows our innermost thoughts)	
Tuesday	Matthew 21v33-41 (No victory if we plot against God)	
Wednesday	Romans 8v1-23 (No condemnation to those in Christ Jesus,)	
Thursday	Romans 8v24-39 (More than conquerors in Christ)	
Friday	Ephesians 6 (God's armour withstands Satan)	
Saturday	1 Samuel 3 (Samuel hears and responds to God's call)	

Important Lesson for us Today: Be warned about Satan's subtle, surprise 'guerrilla' attacks? Satan is at war with God and us. A futile war which he cannot win. If we are not a committed Christian, then we, too, are at war with God. **Are we spotting Satan's traps?** He is 'the father of lies.' He does all he can to divert our attention from the love of God expressed to sinners through the substitutionary death of His Son on the cross. Satan confuses by opposing the truth, presenting good as evil, and evil as good. He pushes the lie of evolution through our educational system and the media - the concept that there is no Creator God. **His traps are, 'Hath God said?', 'Ignore God', 'We are animals without a God-given soul', 'You are a good person', 'Don't worry, Live as you please'.** Beware!

Hymn 546 - Samuel as a young boy heard the Lord's call - How will we respond?

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| 3. O give me Samuel's ear!
The open ear, O Lord,
Alive and quick to hear
Each whisper of Thy Word;
Like him to answer at Thy call,
And to obey Thee first of all. | 4. O give me Samuel's heart!
A lowly heart that waits
Where in Thy house Thou art,
Or watches at Thy gates
By day and night, a heart that still
Moves at the breathing of Thy will. |
| 5. O give me Samuel's mind!
A sweet un murmuring faith,
Obedient and resigned
To Thee in life and death;
I may read with child-like eyes
Truths that are hidden from the wise. | |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

Going To War With God.

○ War Breaks Out. The Syrian Army Attacks Israel Again.

- It was usual to surround a city, but these attacks were of a 'guerrilla' nature.

It may surprise you to learn that unless we are believers, our souls are at war with God.

- Was an Informer In The Syrian Camp?** Israel's army avoided the traps set by Syria. The Syrian King was frustrated - his carefully planned, top secret raids, were known.
- God Had Shown Their Plans to Elisha, and He Showed Them to Israel's King.**

We cannot hide our sin from God; He knows all our innermost thoughts. See Psalm 139.

- One Against So Many.** The Syrian King was told Elisha was the informant, and that he was in Dothan. He sends his army to surround Dothan and catch Elisha.

Many of God's faithful servants have been hounded by civil powers, or by large mobs.

- Unseen Forces.** Elisha's young servant was terrified by this unequal match. But Elisha knew the Lord of Hosts had superior forces, unseen by human eyes. **Elisha prays, "Lord. I pray Thee, open his eyes, that he may see." 2 Kings 6v17.** God enabled the boy to see His vast host of horses and chariots, in the sky.

Has the LORD opened your spiritual eyes to see His power, and the truth of His Word?

- The Tables Turned.** The boy saw the amazing power of God. The Syrian army were blinded by God and led captive by Elisha into the fortified city of Samaria.

God warns us that all those who proudly plot and war against Him will be humbled.

How foolish it is to fight against Almighty God, when He desires to save us!

- Made To See.** God gave them back their sight. Imagine their shocked surprise as they found themselves caught in the centre of Samaria, in a 'spiders web'.

It can be a shock when God shows us our sin - the terrible danger we are in. But wait

- An Undeserved Feast.** Instead of being massacred they find themselves, by the mercy of God, seated at a great banquet, and then set free to return home.

When the Holy God humbles us to see our hopeless plight, the awfulness of our sin, He offers us free pardon and forgiveness. Instead of using His sword of execution, He invites us to taste the benefits earned for us by the Lord Jesus on Calvary.

Because Christ died for those who repent of their sin and put their trust in Him, He now no longer counts them as His enemies but as friends; adopted members of His family.

- Peace Restored.** The people of Israel and Syria could now enjoy peace.

The Lord offers us peace today if we acknowledge Him as Sovereign Lord, Creator, and Saviour. Now is the Day of Salvation. The Day of Judgement will come one day. Maybe soon. Are you ready? Will Christ come as your Saviour or as your Judge?

Paul wrote, "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; ¹⁵Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace; ¹⁶And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby." Ephesians 3 v13-19