

Chariots of Fire

What a wonderful picture of 'Oneness' and 'judging not by appearances' has been given us in the story of Elisha's servant, in 2Kings 6:14-17. Here are all the ingredients we need to SEE the reality.

We have a Syrian King with his army, horses and chariots, (the appearances that are not to be judged), Elisha; a Christ representation in human form. Elisha's servant; us the separated human being. Then Elisha's army of horses and chariots of 'fire' - the unseen, (until they are seen).

Here we stand in the story as 'the servant' of Elisha (Christ), as the enemy bears down on us, and here we are judging by appearances and crying out in fear, "Alas my Master, what shall we do? Look at all those horses and chariots! Surely we are sunk, we are overwhelmed we cannot win. It is impossible.

Then comes 'the wonderful WORD' from Elisha, (Christ). And he answered, "Fear not": for they that [be] with us [are] more than they that [be] with them. This is wonderful. Elisha 'full of faith' SEES something that his servant (without faith at this point), doesn't see.

And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may SEE. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain [was] full of horses and chariots of FIRE round about Elisha.

These are of 'fire' because Holy Spirit seeing is always 'in Spirit' hence the word fire, as we know that fire is just another name for the 'Holy Spirit'. So we have the servant not seeing and Elisha by The Spirit, SEEING through the appearances (which ARE real), to that which is greater than the seeming appearance. To the 'truth' that God is All and in All. That God is IN IT, means He will redeem it (the situation), or rather, that there is nothing to be redeemed once the fiery army has been Recognized. "If God be for us? Who can be against us"?

Then Elisha's prayer is answered and the servant's 'double, evil eye' becomes single and is able to SEE the fiery horses and chariots for himself.

And he saw: and, behold, the mountain [was] full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. Now, this is interesting; Notice the scripture says here he (the servant), saw ALL the horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. Here there is no mention of 'round about Elisha and him' or even around about him. Why?

Because 'in spirit', he 'the servant' has become ONE with his Master, and SEES as One with his master. There is left, only Elisha. The servant may well say; "I and my Master are One, We NOW SEE eye to eye.