

Alas my master how shall we do? (Quality: Very good)

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- [0 : 00] As the Lord shall be pleased to help me, I'll ask your attention to the second book of Kings, the sixth chapter, and the last clause of verse 15.
- The second book of Kings, the sixth chapter, and the last clause of verse 15. Alas, my master, how shall we do?
- The verse reading, And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city, both with horses and chariots.
- And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master, how shall we do? How confident was the prophet, Elisha?
- What a gracious confidence this prophet had. And because the Lord had wrought miracles by his hand previously, it gave him further confidence that the Lord would now appear in their dilemma.
- [1 : 25] And, dear friends, if God has done something for us, it makes us more confident of his help in the future.
- I speak of a gracious confidence. Not that self-confidence, and there seems to me a very thin line between the two.
- We fear to presume upon God. And sometimes even gracious people can be mistaken in a matter.
- So that holds one from self-confidence. It saves one from being too bold. But we find this gracious man, Elisha, a very confident and a graciously confident prophet of the Lord.
- For how many things took place via Elisha, by the word of the Lord. As we read in verse 18, And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.
- [2 : 54] And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord and said, Smite this people, I pray thee with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.
- All the condescension of the Lord to listen to his prophet, Elisha, and do this. And many things were done by the hand of Elisha.
- And this illustration and this event before us, not only illustration but event, in the annals of scripture, is no exception.
- Truly, the man of God was in a strait. And his servant with him. Encompassed with graves. Encompassed with armies. Encompassed with hosts. The hosts of horses and chariots. Thither sent the king here.
- [4 : 07] Thither horses and chariots and a great host. And they came by night. And compassed the city about. So, he was the man of God.
- And compassed by those who would take him dead or alive. And there is that one thing.

And that is to look up. And in all our troubles and trials or afflictions that come in our path. There is only one thing, dear friends.

And that is to look up. If we look down, we shall let Peter sink. Peter, when walking upon the water towards the Lord Jesus Christ, he was able to do this so long as he eyed his Saviour well.

And we are only safe and secure when we are looking toward the Lord Jesus Christ. If we are looking away from him.

[5 : 21] If we are looking at the billows and the boisterous waves. Then we shall begin to sink. Only as we are looking unto the Lord are we safe.

And it matters not in what we consider. The only way we are safe is looking unto Christ. Whether in matters at home, in our providences. Or in spiritual things. Or in those eternal matters which confront us and affect us, every one of us.

So the Lord give us grace to look up to him. This man, Elisha, with other of the prophets, were singular men.

Elisha here believed that his God would appear. And he seemed to have a gracious insight into this.

[6 : 31] That the Lord's host was nigh. And I do believe this. And from the word of God. That angels are sent.

Of God. To protect particularly the people of God. And I do believe this, dear friends. That if only we could but see into the spiritual world.

There is much activity from heaven. And I believe it has the full backing of scripture. And there is none exception in this word of God.

In many places. How that the Lord sent an angel. And smote the Assyrian camp.

To the deliverance of the children of Israel. And I do believe this too. That this guardianship. That God sends.

[7 : 36] Of that heavenly host still remains. And to this day. I do not know whether you know of the incident.

But when under that communistic rule in Russia. And those from the school.

Were going to disrupt a Christian family. At the Christmas time. And it was known.

That this might take place. And nothing did take place. And when the boy went back to school. In the new year. He found this.

That indeed. There was going to be some interruption. And breaking into their house. But when they arrived there. There was an angel.

[8 : 33] Guarding that house. And they were in fear. And left them alone. Now I believe this. That the angel of the Lord.

Encampeth. Round about them. That fear him. And I do believe this. That in our greatest danger.

That the Lord. Sends his angel. To protect. Men speak literally. Of guardian angels. But it is a fact. And also.

I believe that. These heavenly hosts. Are very busy people. They were busy creatures. Rather. We read. Concerning.

The. Even. In the preaching. Of the gospel. That an angel is sent. Who flies in heaven. And is sent. With the everlasting gospel.

[9 : 33] Down to this earth. And. Sometimes. Sometimes I know. That. When. Angels are referred to. It means. The elect angel.

Jesus Christ. But. Not in every. Incident. For. One. To confirm this. In Revelation. 22.

We read this. I. Jesus. Do send. Mine angel. To. Testify. Unto you. In the churches. I. Jesus. Send.

Mine angel. And here. We find. That. Though. That the servant. Of. Elisha.

Was indeed. Troubled. And well. He might be. Yet. Elisha. Realized. That. There.

[10 : 28] There was. The Lord's. Guard. For them. And. Elisha. Prayed. And said. Lord. I pray thee. Open. His eyes. And. He might. 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. We do not always.

Realize. That the Lord. Himself. Is nigh. We speak of. Those who are sent. To God. But. The Lord. Himself. Is round about. His people. The Lord. Himself. Is nigh. Unto them. That. Fear him.

[11 : 25] He is ever nigh. His. His presence. Is. Known. By. His people. And when it is not realized. He is there. His presence. Is with his people. Over and above them. And not only so. But. Within them. For he dwells within his people. By his spirit. And so. Can truly be said. That the kingdom of God. Is. Is within you. For those. Who. Wait. For the. Fulfillment. Of the prophecy. That. The earth. Shall be filled. With the. Knowledge. Of the Lord. As the waters. Cover the sea. There may be.

[12 : 22] Such a day. But. It is so. Now. But only realized. By. Those who are enlightened. For instance.

If you read. In. In. Isaiah chapter 6. You will read. That of the angels. Bowing. And veiling. Their faces. And. That. Prayer. That. That. The earth. May be. Filled. The earth. It should be filled. With the.

The glory. Of God. That's. That's. Turn to it. To. Quote it. More correctly. And one cried. And to another.

And said. Holy. Holy. Holy. Is. The Lord. Of hosts. The whole earth. Is. Full. Of his glory.

[13 : 20] It is. Now. Full. Of his glory. But only. Realized. By those. Who are enlightened. To realize it.

So that. The presence. Of the Lord. Is everywhere. Christ. Whose glory. Fills the skies. It also.

Fills. The whole earth. But we do not always. Realize. That God. Is. Is. Nigh. And.

Certainly. Here. The. Servant. Of Elisha. Did not realize. That. They were being protected. And.

He. He heard. And saw. Of the. Chariots. And hosts. Of the enemy. And he said.

[14 : 15] And his servant said. Unto him. Alas. My master. How shall we do. And how many.

Of the Lord's people. Come. Into this place. Alas. My master. How shall we do. When. When.

There is a cloud. And. The sun. Is no more seen. And spiritually. There is. A cloud. And. You do not realize.

That. The Lord. Is nigh. And you come into. Some. Deep trouble. Some difficulty. Some perplexity.

Something. Something. Something that is. Beyond you to do. Or to understand. And you say. Alas. My master.

[15 : 11] How shall we do. To pray. Sometimes. For. For. Her own. Dear children. That. In their study. And they be.

Able to look up. For. The Lord knows. The answer. To all. Difficulties. There is no. Mathematical sum.

But the Lord. Knows it. The answer. There is nothing. That the Lord. Does not know. He is.

Infinite. In. Knowledge. And. Understanding. He is. Supreme. He is.

A God. Of knowledge. A God. Of understanding. Oh. If only. We could realize.

[16 : 08] This. The greatness. Of. This God. And the ability. Of this God. There is nothing. That is too hard. For him. If we.

Begin. To. Think. Otherwise. We belittle. The greatness. Of the almighty. We believe.

As you know. That. No thought. Can fly. Nor think. Can move. Unknown. Unknown. Unknown. To him. That sits above. Now begin.

To analyze that. But. All the people. All the face. Of the earth. In every house. In every house. In every room.

In every street. In every village. Town. Or city. And throughout the world. Do you believe that? I do.

[17 : 07] I do. I cannot. Begin. To grasp it. To comprehend it. Why do I think that? Why do I believe that?

Because I know. That the Lord knows my thoughts. I know that the Lord has. Recognize. Of all my thoughts. And my way.

And he watches over that path. And over every action. Every motive. Everything concerning me.

The Lord is judge. The Lord sees from above. Everything. Every minute thing.

That takes place. Through out his works. And that's comprehensive. Through out his works.

[18 : 05] Either in the starry sky above. Or upon this universe. Or in the deep seas. Everything. He sees.

And knows. For he has made them. And he that has made. Is greater than the thing. That is made. As he that.

Built. Builds a house. Is greater. Than the house. That is built. But we do not always. Realize this.

And so. We fear. And so. We become cast down. And. It was necessary.

For Elisha. To. Encourage. This man. This man. And he answered. Fear not. Fear not.

[19 : 02] Though he was with the man of God. And. Had seen. Some of the working. Of. Miracles. Under the hand of.

Elisha. No doubt. We read in this. Very same. The chapter. The chapter. Concerning. The iron. That did swim. It was.

Elisha. Servant. That was with him. And though he must not conjecture. It could well be. The same man. We're not really told. God. But.

He was with this man of God. And. He knew that. Miracles were performed by him. By the hand of God. And yet he was afraid.

And he did not know. What. Would happen. And we do not know. That. Eventual. Providence.

[20 : 02] Of God. Or the way. Of God. Unless God gives us. Some intimation of it. And so he said. Fear not. For.

They. That be with us. Are more. Than they. That. Be with them. On. The face of it. It did not appear so.

Are. Are. Are. Are. Are. Are. Are. Are. Are. Are. Naturally. Speaking. And. And. How many times.

We find this. In scripture. It is not. By. Might. And. It is not. By. Power. The scripture says.

But it is. By my spirit. And. The Lord. Can. Lead. In. In. In. Whatsoever. Way. He will. Sometimes.

[20 : 58] It is. In. The Lord's. Appointing. That. His people. Must suffer. The people. Of God. Are not immune.

From. Suffering. I spoke. Recently. From a very. Difficult text. Upon this. That. That. To the Lord.

Will. Not. That he will not. Suffer any plague. To come. Nigh. Thy dwelling. He that. Keepeth thee. Keepeth Israel. And. So on.

And yet. In the providence. Of God. And. Particularly. Years back. When. TB. Was so rampant. How many.

Infants. Died of it. And. Very difficult. To explain. These things. But. No evil. Shall. Befall thee. And.

[21 : 55] Nothing. But then. Beyond this. It is. The soul. For. In. Some circumstances. The people. Of God.

Suffer much. And. So. We must. Look. Even. Beyond. That. No. Real. Evil. Shall. Shall ever. Come.

Upon. The people. Of God. Nothing. That. Shall. Really. Hurt. Their soul. Though. Often.

It does. Hurt. Their circumstances. And. Some. Grievous. Things. Sometimes. Come. Into. The path. And. Lot. Of. The people. Of God. They're.

Very difficult. Things. To speak. Of. And. Very difficult. Indeed. To understand. But. No. Real harm. Does.

[22 : 46] Ever. Come. To. Those. Who. Fear. God. But. We. Fear. Therefore.

We say. There is. More. Against. Us. Than. For. Us. And. Naturally. Speaking. It. May. Be. Like. That. But.

When. We. Look. Up. Then. We. Find. That. There is. More. For. Us. Than. With. Them. As.

Was. Clearly. Seen. Here. For. The. The. Lord's. Host. Were. Nigh. And. If. We. Have. God.

With. Us. Then. It. Will. Be. Well. More. Indeed. Are. With.

[23 : 40] The. People. Of. God. Than. With. The. People. Of. This. World. Fear. Not. And. It.

Is. A. Blessed. Fear. Not. That. Is. Spoken. By. God. To. His. People. Here. Alas. And. Again. We. Have.

That. Word. In. The. Fifth. Verse. Concerning. The. Axe. Head. That. Fell. Into. The. Water. Alas. Master.

For. It. Was. Borrowed. There. Was. A. Circumstance. Which. Suddenly. Comes.
Sometimes. Into. The. Path. And. We. Know. Not. What. To. Do. And.

Alas. Master. Alas. My. Master. How. Shall. We. Do. If. We. Consider. This. In.

[24 : 34] A. Spiritual. Sense. Here. Dear. Friends. Eternity. Is. Before. Us. And.

You. Say. Alas. How. Shall. I. Do. Make. No. Mistake. About. It. But.

Eternity. Is. Before. Us. Eternity. Is. Before. All. Mankind. How.

Few. Stop. To. Consider. It. How. How. Many. Are. Busy. In. Everything.

Else. But. This. One. Consideration. We. Cannot. Always. Be. Under. This. Consideration.
There.

[25 : 28] Are. Those. Things. Which. Have. To. Be. Attended. To. In. Life. There. Is. A. Lawful.
Pursuit. But.

I. Say. This. That. If. The. Lord. By. His. Spirit. Draw. Your. Mind. And. Attention. To. It.
Do. Seek.

Then. To. Make. Best. Use. Of. That. Time. And. If. Those. Serious.

Thoughts. Are. In. The. Mind. And. Spirit. As. To. Your. Standing. Before. God. And.

Then. If. Possible. Seek. Solitude. And. Pour. Out. Your. Heart. Before. God. And. Pray.
Unto. Him. For.

[26 : 20] His. Mercy. And. For. A. word. Of. Comfort. In. These. Things. A. word. Of. Salvation. To.
Be. Spoken. Into. Your.

Heart. And. Very. Soul. Men. This. World. The. People. Of. This. World. Are. So. Busy.
That. They. Never. Stop. To.

Consider. And. Indeed. They. Cannot. Consider. And. We. Shall. Not. Consider. For.
Gross. Darkness.

Is. Upon. The. People. And. Two. There. There. Is. A. Rising. Up. Against. These. Things.
In. A. Fallen. Human. Nature.

There. There. A. Determined. Closing. Of. The. Eyes. There. There. A. Determined.
Shutting. Of. The. Ears. Against. These. Things. Against.

[27 : 15] The. Truth. And. Only. God. By. His. Spirit. Can. Really. Unstop. The. And. Cause. The.
Eyes. To. See.

And. And. Break. The. Hard. Heart. And. Give. A. Heart. Of. Flesh. It. Is. Only. By.

The. Spirit. Of. God. That. We. Really. Come. To. Attention. And. To. To. Really.
Consider. How. That. It. is.

Appointed. In. In. The. Word. Of. God. That. These. Things. Should. Be. Spoken. And.
Proclaimed. Upon. Zion's. Hill. A.

Warning. From. The. Word. Of. God. An. Instruction. From. The. Word. Of. God. An.
Exhortation. From. The. Word. Of. God. Be.

[28 : 10] Ye. Also. Ready. For. In. An. Hour. That. Ye. Think. Not. The. Son. Of. Man. Come. In.
Two.

Ways. Either. His. Coming. For. Us. Personally. And. Individually. Or. His. Coming. At.

The. End. Of. Time. That. Is. Hidden. As. To. The. The. Timing. Of. It. From. All. May.
Dead. But.

We. Are. Told. From. The. Word. Of. God. That. His. Coming. Shall. Be. As. The.
Lightning. From. One. Part. Of. The. Earth. To. The.

Other. And. You. All. Know. That. In. A. Thunderstorm. How. Quickly. That. Lightning. Flashes. Across. The. Sky. And.

[29 : 05] That. Is. In. Scripture. Said. To. Be. To. Describe. The. Coming. Of. The. Lord. Jesus. Christ. In. His. Second. Coming. In.

The. Clouds. And. Every. Eye. Shall. See. Him. All. You. Say. Alas. Alas. My. Master. How. Shall. I. Do. How. Will. It. Be. How. Will. The. Lord. Find. Me. If. He. Should. Come. In. That. Great. Day. I. I. Do. Believe. This. That. It. Makes. Those. Who. Fear. God. Careful. Where. They. Might. Be.

There. Are. Lawful. Things. That. We. Can. Take. Interest. In. About. There. Are. Places. Where.

[29 : 59] We. Ought. Not. To. Be. And. In. This. Respect. I. My. Dear. Late. Mother. In. Law. In. Her. Young. Days. And. She. Was. Allured. Into. Going. To. A. Cinema. And. She. Went. In. And. She. Felt.

That. The. Place. Was. Going. To. Come. Down. Upon. Her. So. Was. The. Displeasure. Of. God. Beginning. To. Work. In. Her. Heart. That. She. Felt. That.

There. No. Place. For. Her. There. And. As. A. Rule. I. Feel. We. Can. Say. This. That. Let. Us. Not. Be.

Found. In. Any. Place. Where. You. Would. Not. Like. The. Lord. To. Find. You. A. Good. Rule. Is. That. When.

[30 : 53] He. May. Come. For. Us. But. Whether. He. Come. For. All. Or. Whether. Come. For. Us. Individually. It. Is. The. Most.

Important. That. That. We. Are. Ready. For. When. He. Comes. For. Us. Personally. In. That. Great. Day. Alas.

For. I. Am. Not. Ready. Is. There. Anybody. Here. That. Says. Alas. For. I. Not. Ready. I. Do. Not. Know.

Whether. I. Really. Belong. To. The. People. Of. God. I. Have. No. Real. Evidence. In. My. Heart. And.

If. Someone. Was. To. Say. To. Me. Well. What. What. Has. The. Lord. Done. For. You. And. You. Wouldn't. Be. A. To. Answer. Hello.

[31 : 51] Dear. Friend. Are. You. Concerned. About. This. Are. You. Increasingly. Concerned. As. To.

Your. Standing. Before. God. Or. Will. It. Be. Said. In. That. Day. Carried. Carrying. Away. And. He. Was. Speechless.

Or. What. A. Solemn. Thing. If. We. Found. Speechless. In. That. Day. Or. Will. You. Be. A. A. To. Say. When.

Christ. Appears. And. When. Christ. Appears. For. Us. No. This. Is. Our. God. We. Have. Waited. For. Him. He. Will. Come. And.

Bless. Us. Or. Similar. Words. Again. That. This. Is. Our. God. He. Will. Come. And. Save. Us. Or.

[32 : 46] How. Will. It. Be. Dear. Friends. With. Us. Each. In. That. Day. Will. Will. You. Be. Be. Able. By. The. Grace.

Of. God. To. Look. Up. In. That. Day. For. Your. Redemption. Draweth. Nigh. From.

Return. To. The. Present. Time. And. Circumstances. In. Our.

Lives. And. Sometimes. In. Our. Lives. Things. Come.

- Suddenly. Upon. Us. Some. New. Trouble. Is. Arises. And.
- [33 : 41] How soon. We. Think. And. We. Fear. But. What is. The best. Course. For. Us.
- All. So. Soon. To. Look. To. The. Source. Of. Our. Strength. If. Only. We. Could. Look. To. The. Source. Of. Our. Strength. The. Sooner. Rather. Than.
- The. Later. But. So. Often. Fear. Takes. Hold. Upon. Us. That. It. Is. Some. While. Before. We.
- Begin. To. Find. Our. Feet. As. It. Were. And. Find. Some. Sure. Standing. If. The. Trouble. Is. Particularly. Bad. The. More.
- It. Bowls. The. Mind. And. Soul. Over. And. If. You. Need. The. Lord. To. Speak. To. You. Or. You. Need. Someone.
- [34 : 34] To. Exalt. You. Or. To. Guide. You. As. Elisha. Here. He. Pray. That. The. Young. Man's.
- Eyes. Might. Be. Open. To. See. What. A. Blessing. Has. The. Preaching. Of. The. Gospel. Been. To. Some. Of.
- Us. And. I. Trust. That. It. Might. Still. Be. So. It. Has. Been. Made. A. Blessing. To. Me. When. In. Trouble. Or. Need. Of. Direction.
- Or. In. Great. Difficulty. At. Times. What. The. Services. Of. The. Lord's. House. It. Meant. I. Was.
- Remember. A. Time. In. Particular. When. In. Great. Difficulty. And. In. Trouble. And. I. Believe. At. The. Time. Was. Walking. In. The. Fear. Of.
- [35 : 26] God. And. I. Remember. The. Late. Dear. Mr. Frank. Gosden. Coming. To. Scanes. Hill. And. He. Read. That. Psalm. Judge. Me. Oh.
- God. For. I. Have. Walked. In. Mine. Integrity. At. That. Particular. Time. It. Was. Like. Fresh.
- Cold. Water. To. The. Troubled. Soul. Judge. Me. Oh. God. For. I. Have. Walked. In. Mine. Integrity. And. So. The.
- Lord. Has. Appointed. The. Preaching. Of. The. Gospel. To. Encourage. His. People. And. One. Would. Encourage. Those. Who.
- Are. Fearful. Those. Who. Are. In. Trouble. Encourage. Them. To. Trust. In. The. Lord. And. Here.
- [36 : 20] Is. The. Great. Responsibility. To. Us. Who. Preach. To. Encourage. Those. Who. The. Word. Of. God.
- Encourages. To. Discourage. Those. Whom. The. Word. Of. God. Does. Not. Encourage. But. For. Woe. Be.
- To. Us. If. We. Make. Sad. Those. That. The. Lord. Has. Made. Not. Made. Sad. And. Woe. Be. To. Us.
- If. We. Do. Not. Speak. The. The. The. Word. The. Certain. Sound. If. We. Warn. Not. The. Wicked. From. His. Way.
- His. Evil. Way. What. Does. The. Scripture. Say. His. Blood. Should. Be. Upon. That. Watchman. That.
- [37 : 12] He. That. Hath. My. Word. Must. Speak. My. Word. Faithfully. And. I. Desire. To. Speak. The. The. Word. Of. God. Faithfully. Rightly. Dividing.
- The. Word. Of. Truth. There. Is. A. People. That. Need. Encouraging. There. Is. That. Which. Needs. Discouraging. I.
- Would. I. Grasp. At. A. Straw. To. Encourage. Any. That. Dear God. And. To. Encourage. According. To. The.

Word. Of. God. I. Was. Close. With. This. Remark. That. There. Is. The. Strength.
Which. Is. From. Above. God. Alone. Is. The. Refuge. Of. His. People. And. To. All.

[38 : 04] Who. Are. Tender. In. His. Fear. Fear. Not. For.

There's. More. With. You. Than. With. All. That. Opposes. For. God. Is. With. You. And. David.

Says. Though. Ten. Thousand. We read it. Together. Ten. Thousand. I. Will. Not. Be. Afraid. Of. Ten. Thousands. Of.

People. That. Have. Set. Themselves. Against. Me. Round. About. And. Neither. Will. You. Be. If. The. Lord. Is. With. You. Amen.

Let us close with him. Eight hundred and thirty two. Eight hundred and thirty two.

[39 : 00] The men. That. Fear the Lord. In every state. Are blessed. The Lord will grant. What e'er they want. Their souls.

Shall dwell at rest. shall dwell at rest. Amen. Let us, we pray for the Lord.

Do you have ever heard, I care for the Trinity, the Lord. Let us, we pray for the Trinity, the Lord.

In every state. The Lord will rot, whate'er thy woe, let's all who shall well land.

His secrets they shall share, His love and earth shall know.

[40 : 31] Kind and the great shall look in ways, and heavenly truth is all.

They painted all their green, wet sinking like their spring.

He rises, he rises, and leaves them trust in Him.

In His remembrance book, The Saviour sets them high, The counting He shall jewel rich, And pulls them home.

His spirit must be the pain, The commonest that's wrong, And a trust writer, The master, O last ride, The martyr, O last ride, The martyr, O last ride, In His religion, To all as well as long,

[43 : 36] And a burden of death. The ah Night, My mercy sweet salvation, The great law won't run, and a hurt of a life, The plain love, Dear Lord, help us to own thy sovereign sway, to acknowledge thee, to own thy authority over us, but grant, Lord, that we may each know thee in a gracious way and be with us as we separate and grant thy protecting care throughout our lives and land us safe above.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father and the sweet communion of the Holy Ghost rest and abide with each. Amen.