

Naaman... a terrible punishment (1.25) before Gehazi. Now, again it is given to help us to realize the reality of sin. When we fall into greed, when we fall into selfishness, we may not see the immediate result, but in God's sight sin is what ~~is~~ inevitably leads us to death.

d8 We continue with Elisha's work. And we find that Elisha is mixing in politics. The king of Assyria ~~sent~~ is trying to injure Israel and Elisha ~~sent a word to the king how~~ sent the king a word how he will be delivered from the king Assyria, and the king of Assyria finds out how ~~the prophet~~ important ~~is~~ the prophet is to the people of Israel for the welfare of the Israel, and so he sends a force to capture him, and here he is in Dothan when a great host comes and compasses the city by night, and the servant of Elisha gets up and early and goes out and sees this great host around the city, and he says to Elisha, alas, my master, what shall we do! And Elisha says, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 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 ~~th~~ he saw: and, behold, the mountain ~~was~~ full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. " ~~He~~ Oh, how wonderful it is to have eyes that can see the spiritual reality: God's protection round about his people is greater than any human protection could be. Elisha could always see God's presence and God's power. Elisha called on, ~~God~~ and asked God to open the eyes of his servant. And He did . Oh, that God would open our eyes/that we would see the great/spiritual reality things. The missionary who sees only the material things is in great danger of ~~falling to~~ feeling that everything looks wonderful, everything looks making great progress, and then the reverses come and then hardships, and then many ~~mision--missionaries~~ gives up and goes home. But the man who really sees the power of God who realizes what God is ~~go~~ doing has an understanding of God's power and he is not troubled by temporary adversities, for he knows that ~~God~~ will be done in the end. He is not even troubled by permanent adversities, ~~providini--~~ providing he is doing his best to ~~stading~~ true to God. Because he knows that