

it may be God's purposes to bring God's ways are inscrutable and that God-may victories in different ways.

But he sees God's spiritual power and trusts in Him. So, in this case, Elisha prayed to the Lord to smite the soldiers with blindness. Then Elisha said, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. Indeed he did so. He was now about to leave Dothan. They would not find him in Dothan anymore. If they follow him, they are bound to come to the man whom they are seeking, because Elisha was right ahead of them. Some people think that this is an instance of a prophet's lying. But this is not the case at all. What he said was true. The full meaning of it was not immediately apparent/ on that instant. The meaning in the end was evidently true. So, he led them to Samaria. There Elisha prayed the Lord to open their eyes, and they saw, and the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when- My father, shall I smite them? Shall I smite them? And Elisha said, No, Give them food and send them home, and so the king of Israel did this. There are many people today who say, Treat everybody as if they were good/ and kindly, and they will treat us the same way. Roosevelt said, if I can only get Joseph Stalin smile a little, if I can get him laugh, only if I can get him join me and make fun of Churchill, he then will become a good fellow and will do everything nice and there will be no more brutality and there will be no more atrocity. But all the time Stalin was planning how he would move so as to take over all the antic-communist forces, and become- establish communist dictatorship throughout the world. We have to recognize the results need of sin. We do not expect gratitude in this world, but we should do what is right. In this situation. We-did-ex -- We did exactly-- what was exactly right in feeding these people and sending them back/ to tell the marvellous power of God. It did not turn out the way the King of Israel and Elisha probably/would. The next verse shows us a later time when the king of Assyria gathered all his army to come and seize Samaria. We do not know whether this was right soon after or there may have been a long period/ We just do not know, but whatever/it was, we find the king of Israel putting all the blame for it on Elisha. Let us not expect that we can/get/gratitude from the unbeliever. Let us not expect that