

# The Lord Reigns

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## Happy Wednesday!

“When the servant of the man of God (Elisha) rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” He said, “Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” Then Elisha prayed and said, “O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.” 2 Kings 6:15-17 ESV

Today’s Scripture starts in the middle of a story: Elisha (one of God’s prophets in the Old Testament, before the time of Jesus), was living near a king who was against Elisha’s own people. That King was trying to attack Israel (Elisha’s people) yet through God’s wisdom, Elisha knew every battle plan the bad king made and tipped Israel’s king every time. Once the bad king figured it out, he went to Elisha with his army, and surrounded Elisha!

I don’t like confrontation, so this entire scene terrifies me: to wake up one morning and take my dog outside only to see I’m surrounded by an army... I’d be paralyzed to say the least. I’d be like Elisha’s servant, “What do we do!?”

But Elisha demonstrates what faith in God looks like: calm no matter what, because God is going to come through no matter what. Elisha knew that he was on God’s side, so he wasn’t afraid. And he taught this to the servant who was with him saying, “Don’t be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

I’d be willing to bet the servant did a few quick glances around and saw that the two of them were alone, and therefore wondered, *what is Elisha talking about? There is literally no one else here. It’s just us.* So Elisha prayed for this servant to be able to see. Now we know this servant could see, because he already saw the army that was there, and presumably he saw it before Elisha did! But what he didn’t see was in the *spiritual realm*. He didn’t see that God’s army was surrounding the physical army and God’s army was waiting for God’s command to get involved however God commanded.

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Dear friends, the Lord is ALL powerful. The Lord is mighty to save. The Lord is able to do more than you can think of, ask for, or comprehend (Ephesians 3:20). The Lord reigns!

## Psalm 97

“The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. Fire goes

before him and burns up his adversaries all around. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. All worshipers of images are put to shame, who make their boast in worthless idols; worship him, all you gods! Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord. For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. O you who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!" Psalm 97:1-12 ESV

Thank you Lord that You reign, so I don't need to worry or be afraid. Thank you Lord that you can handle my fears and my faults and my failures, and You can make me restored to something You can use - because You alone hold the power to redeem, and you do redeem people's hearts and lives. Help us honor You Lord. Help us see You in Your True Light - not the false light this world teaches. Lord unveil our eyes that we may see You, and make us worthy of Your calling. Amen

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