



**GOD'S ARMY
AND INCREASE**

The natural mind says go to the market and buy enough food to feed everyone. The spiritual mind says, give me what you have and I'll multiply it.

-Robert Enos

Famine in Samaria

2 Kings 6:24-31

24 And it happened after this that Ben-Hadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria.

2 Kings 6:24-31 (continued)

25 And there was a great famine in Samaria; and indeed they besieged it until a donkey's head was *sold* for eighty *shekels* of silver, and one-fourth of a kab of dove droppings for five *shekels* of silver.

26 Then, as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!"

2 Kings 6:24-31 (continued)

27 And he said, "If the LORD does not help you, where can I find help for you? From the threshing floor or from the winepress?"

28 Then the king said to her, "What is troubling you?" And she answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.'

2 Kings 6:24-31 (continued)

29 So we boiled my son, and ate him. And I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son."

30 Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes; and as he passed by on the wall, the people looked, and there underneath *he had sackcloth* on his body.

2 Kings 6:24-31 (continued)

31 Then he said, "God do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat remains on him today!"

This shows the state of the modern church:

- The church leaders are afraid to lead the people in warfare against their enemies
- The church is holed-up and hiding behind closed doors
- We have ministers in sin that refuse to repent
- Church members are devouring one another with their words, judgments and accusations

- There is a famine of the word of God and the supernatural, thus the people are starving for a move of God
- The Prophets sent to keep these things from happening and help the people move ahead are blamed because of the prophecies given
- Hopelessness and lack of vision set in

THE GREAT ARMY OF GOD

2 Kings 7:3-8

3 Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die?"

2 Kings 7:3-8 (continued)

4 If we say, 'We will enter the city,' the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die."

5 And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one *was* there.

2 Kings 7:3-8 (continued)

6 For the LORD had caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and the noise of horses—the noise of a great army; so they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us!"

2 Kings 7:3-8 (continued)

7 Therefore they arose and fled at twilight, and left the camp intact—their tents, their horses, and their donkeys—and they fled for their lives.

2 Kings 7:3-8 (continued)

8 And when these lepers came to the outskirts of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried from it silver and gold and clothing, and went and hid *them*; then they came back and entered another tent, and carried *some* from there *also*, and went and hid *it*.

These lepers simply
took action to remain alive.

Sometimes all God asks of us-

***Get moving in the
right direction.***

EVERYONE IS BLESSED

2 Kings 7:9-11, 16

9 Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day *is* a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king's household."

2 Kings 7:9-11, 16 (continued)

10 So they went and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and told them, saying, "We went to the Syrian camp, and surprisingly no one *was* there, not a human sound—only horses and donkeys tied, and the tents intact."

11 And the gatekeepers called out, and they told *it* to the king's household inside.

2 Kings 7:9-11, 16 (continued)

16 Then the people went out and plundered the tents of the Syrians. So a seah of fine flour was *sold* for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

This shows the state of the modern church:

- It isn't the big churches that are facing the enemies of God
- Smaller churches once struggling to survive are taking the spoils of the enemy
- Larger churches don't always share with the smaller churches
- Often smaller churches are more giving than the larger churches
- It will be the insignificant ones that God uses to bring about the Move of God
- It will be the Insignificant ones that will share the spoils with even the large churches

Conclusion:

- Do you ever feel like you're an outcast- or like you don't fit in?
- Do you ever feel like you don't have the resources (time, talent, money, anointing, etc.) to be used of God?
- Are you waiting until you, "Have Something" to offer God before you get going?

