

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM MAY 17, 2015

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2 Kings 6:15-17

"Now when the attendant of the man of God had risen early and gone out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was circling the city. And his servant said to him, 'Alas, my master! What shall we do?' So he answered, 'Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.' Then Elisha prayed and said, 'O Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' And the Lord opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha."



Each time the Syrians would make a raid into Israel their plans were spoiled through the revelation given by God to Elisha. Elisha would inform the king of Israel who would then take precautions against their invasions. This naturally enraged the heart of the king of Aram (Syria) who first thought that he had an informer in his camp. When he was then told of Elisha's ability as a prophet of Israel to know of the king's plans, the king of Aram knew that if his plans were to be successful, he would have to do away with Elisha. This meant the prophet became the object of his attack.

This event shows us the omniscience of God Who knows the plans of the enemy and has provided special revelation for us that we might be informed to protect ourselves from Satan's attacks. If, when we are warned, we do not appropriate God's provision and armor against Satan's devices, we have no one to blame but ourselves. Unfortunately, though the king of Israel was quick to listen to the warnings regarding the physical attacks of the Syrians, he was slow to heed the warnings of Elisha regarding his sin and refusal to truly follow the Lord. I am always amazed at how people are ready to heed the counsel of doctors regarding our health, but slow to listen to the counsel of the Word of God.

Elisha's attendant went out seemingly oblivious to both the fact of the enemy and of God's provision. As is the case for many Christians, the new day simply meant business as usual for the attendant. He was going to take care of his chores and with no concern for the spiritual battle around him, which meant he was also completely unprepared for what he faced. Christians can be the same way. Too often we don't take our spiritual warfare seriously. We act as though Satan and his kingdom were asleep or posed no problem to us. We go out unprepared spiritually. Consequently, when faced with some form of spiritual warfare, as Elisha's attendant was, our response is consternation, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?"

How can we minister to the fears of people? Just as Elijah did! We need to show personal concern and involvement, provide biblical instruction, and go to the Lord in personal dependence on Him to illuminate them to His resources and sufficiency. Unless the Lord prospers our ministry, our work is futile (1 Cor. 3:7). Our tendency, however, is to neglect one or the other of these important ingredients. Whether we are impersonal and cold in our teaching and relationships with people or we are warm and personable, we may still fail to communicate God's truth because we are trusting in our personality or skill as a teacher and we fail to pray. We need to grasp the balance here. God uses people. And God uses His Word because it is alive and powerful in spite of us. Yet, it is prayer that gives power to our personal love and teaching.

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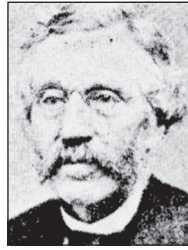
“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.”

Ephesians 6:14



George Duffield
(1818-1888)

Words by
George Duffield, Jr., 1858.



George J. Webb
(1803-1887)

Music by
George J. Webb, 1830

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the solemn watchword
hear;
If while ye sleep He suffers, away with shame and
fear;
Where'er ye meet with evil, within you or without,
Charge for the God of battles, and put the foe to rout.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this His glorious day.
Ye that are brave now serve Him against unnumbered
foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength
oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength
alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your
own.
Put on the Gospel armor, each piece put on with
prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, each soldier to his post,
Close up the broken column, and shout through all the
host:
Make good the loss so heavy, in those that still remain,
And prove to all around you that death itself is gain.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.
To him who overcometh a crown of life shall be;
They with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE May 2015

May 10	8:45AM	<i>The Mother Who Gave Away Her Son</i> 1st Samuel 1 & 2
	10:30 AM	No Second Hour - Mother's Day
May 12	7:00 PM	Bible Study at the Kikkert's
May 15	7:00 PM	Game Night
May 17	8:45AM	<i>The Man Who Saw the Unseen,</i> 2nd Kings 6:8-23
	10:30 AM	Second Hour
May 19	7:00 PM	Bible Study at the Kikkert's
May 22	6:30 PM	Friday Night Fellowship
May 24	8:45 AM	Thom Rachford Preaching
	10:30 AM	Second Hour
May 26	7:00 PM	Bible Study at the Kikkert's
May 29		No Friday Night Activities
May 31	8:45AM	<i>The Man Who Won a War Without Fighting</i> 2nd Chronicles 20
	10:30 AM	Second Hour
June 2	7:00 PM	Bible Study at the Kikkert's
June 5	7:00 PM	Game Night
June 7	8:45AM	<i>The Man Who Cried for God to Come Down</i> Isaiah 63 & 64
	10:30 AM	Second Hour



Imprisoned journalist in Egypt beaten in prison for conversion

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A journalist imprisoned on charges relating to his conversion to Christianity over seven years ago is being mistreated by prison officials and fellow-inmates, his lawyer told Daily News Egypt Wednesday.

Beshoy Armia, previously Mohamed Hegazy, is currently being held in the high-security Tora Prison on blasphemy charges, despite his case having yet to reach court.

Lawyer Karam Ghobrial said that while in prison, his client has been severely physically beaten and subject to verbal abuse, some of which is directed at his faith and conversion to Christianity. Armia has been denied a Bible and has not had glasses since they were broken intentionally some time ago.

Beating and torture is widespread in Egyptian prisons. In April alone, the El Nadeem Centre for Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence found that 10 people died in detention facilities, some from torture and others from inadequate healthcare. There have also been 68 cases recorded of torture in State Security offices.

Ghobrial has now submitted a complaint to the Prosecutor General regarding the status and mistreatment of his client. A copy of the document, seen by Daily News Egypt, states that Armia has been held without legal basis, beyond the maximum six months allocated for detention in extreme cases.

The document holds that pre-trial detention should be used when there is a

fear that the accused will escape or commit further crimes. The detainee should be treated with dignity and not tortured, which violates the constitution.

In addition to Armia's release, the document also calls for the investigation of police officer Ahmed Fawzy at Tora Prison, who has been identified as responsible for the majority of abuse against Armia.

Armia was initially arrested in 2013 for "spreading false news" and given five years imprisonment by the Minya Misdemeanour Court. He had been covering Muslim Brotherhood protests that took place following the ouster of former president Mohamed Morsi.

An appeal submitted by Ghobrial successfully reduced the prison sentence from five years to one year in prison. On the day, however, Minya Criminal Court approved Armia for release and he was detained leaving the court room by National Security who referred him to State Security Prosecution in Cairo.

The current charges are believed to be a legal complaint submitted by two lawyers who maintain that the manner in which Armia converted to Christianity from Islam was blasphemous and "insulting to religion." Ghobrial has launched a public campaign to have Armia's new name and religion reflected on his ID, after he was denied by the court following his conversion.