Must I See the King Leave Heaven?

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INTRODUCTION

- Elisha is whispering the secrets of the rival king of Syria or Aram.
- Do not fear. For those who are with us are more than those who are with them.
- We need to take the physical blinders off and see and peer into the spiritual realm that is just as real and sure as all that we see materially.

1 Must I Be in Heaven With Him?

Revelation 4; Revelation 7

- Must I be in heaven with him just to know that the Lord is reigning? Must I see his acts of power just to know that he is with me?
- I want to speak to you for a moment about undaunted confidence in the Lord and in his word.
- More and more people are expressing the need to see in order to believe.

2 Believing in God as Creator

Psalm 147:4–5

- There are miracles all throughout the Bible story, but even then I would suggest that's not the norm.
- Believing in God as creator requires acknowledgement of his reality and his amazing power.
- Great is our Lord and abundant in strength. And let me tell you about his knowledge. His understanding is infinite.

3 I Can Trust What I'm Reading

Romans 1; 2 Peter 1; Philippians 4

- The design and order of our universe is visual confirmation enough.
- I can trust what I'm reading in 2 Kings chapter 6.
- We did not follow cleverly devised tales. We beheld the majesty of the Lord.
- The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing.

4 Must You See? Sight Doesn't Produce Faith

- They saw the ten plagues. Ten miracles.
- Sometimes even a visual confirmation doesn't produce faith.
- Or is the problem man's sinful heart in rebelling against God's loving reign and provision?
- So the purpose of this lesson is to take your eyes off of the physical.

5 Why a Faith System?

- Apparently, he has provided sufficient evidence to cultivate our trust and confidence in him.
- It promotes an appreciation of who God is, as we talked about in our Bible class this morning, an understanding of who I am in comparison.
- Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.
- I find my confidence growing by the day in the realities of this message.

6 Blessed Are Your Eyes and Ears

Matthew 13

- It's not that Jesus wasn't going to allow them to see it. It is that they didn't want to see it.
- Blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.
- Great promises were made to Abraham, but he didn't see the fruition of them. We see what he wished to see.
- We are to be grateful that it was placed in our laps.
- You're hearing soul-saving information that leads to immortality. Realize what you have.

THE CHALLENGE

Is it true of where you now reside? Can you say, Praise the Lord? Blessed are my eyes and ears. Praise the Lord. I know I'm forgiven. And my Father up in heaven knows and hears and will be with me. I am his child.

MY NOTES