



“The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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“And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. 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.’” 2Kings 5:15-16

It truly is wonderful how that the Word of God constantly blesses us by bringing forward realities that defy the inimical odds overwhelmingly arrayed against us. What appears to be true according to the flesh by the foreboding confrontation of impending adversity is only superfluous where the might and the power and the omnipresence of the Lord God is concerned. Praise His Name!

The above referenced occasion was when Elisha was living in Dothan at a time when the Syrians were at war against Israel. The Lord preserved and protected the Israelites by revealing to Elisha time and time again the battle plans of the King of Syria. It was in this way that the Lord foiled and spoiled all the Syrian attempts to attack them. Israel was able, by Elisha’s instruction from God, to avoid even having to encounter the Syrians in battle. Being frustrated at the futility of the his situation, the King of Syria suspected that a traitor was in his midst who must be tipping Israel off as to what his strategies against them were. However, one of his own servants was aware of Elisha, and that he was, indeed, a prophet of God unto whom even the secrets of the King spoken by him in the privacy of his bedroom were being revealed. Therefore, the King of Syria sent a large band of his army against them and, by night, they came and completely surrounded the city of Dothan.

Now, to Elisha’s servant the situation appeared to be very bleak. The enemy was all around -- and they were there on a mission to specifically destroy Elisha! And, they would destroy the whole town in order to accomplish this deed. Hence, the situation looked to be hopeless. There was nothing -- in the flesh -- that could be done!

For the Lord, however, this is the perfect setting for Him to manifest His greater power and glory. The man of God knows this and declares the unseen-by-the-flesh truth that it is not really they who are surrounded by their enemies, but it is their enemies who are, in fact, surrounded by the Lord!

And, Praise God, that is still the way that it is for us today. The prospects of fleshly failure and destruction -- the threats of the flesh that intimidate and terrorize and frighten us -- are totally trumped by the more genuine reality of God’s greater power and glory! The forces of the enemy and their threats are disarmed and rendered powerless according to the overruling and all prevailing presence of our sovereign Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Elisha prayed and God opened the eyes of his spiritually blind servant to see His presence, and He blinded the fleshly eyes of the Syrians so as to rescue Elisha and his servant and the whole city of Dothan.

For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter

Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving

2009 is now well underway and here we are embarking upon another year of Camp Del-Haven ministry. We are definitely surrounded by different financial times and governmental circumstances. *“We walk by faith, not by sight”*. This means that we are very much engaged in the activity of the prayer of faith as face each day that the Lord gives to us. This being the reality, dear ones, please remember to pray for us.

While it is obviously true that the unprecedented financial crisis of our history has affected all of us -- it is still true that the great grace of our sovereign God remains the only sure sustenance of our very lives and livelihoods. His faithfulness to us is gloriously reflected from our being faithful to Him. Even so, we do need your continual support in prayerful giving in order for us to be able to meet the challenge of pressing on in proclaiming the gospel of the glory the Lord Jesus Christ to the children that God continues to send our way.

We have been encouraged to receive word from those whom the Lord has placed a desire to serve with us this coming summer. Not only as help in regards to staff, but also in bringing more children to camp to minister to. This is an evidence of the Lord's leading. We see this as His way of preparing for us a platform of victory for the cause of Christ Jesus. Please pray with us in this regards.

Also, please remember that we are facing the financial challenge of meeting the final expenses of paying off the credit line we were granted last year (before the financial collapse) in order to replace the lake and our water lines. By God's grace as displayed through your faithful generosity we have been steadily paying down the principle and we do hope that we can continue this good progress. Once again, we covet your prayers that we will be able to do this. Thank you for your loving support.

Every once in a while the Lord will give us a glimpse of the effectual working of His hand in the ministry of Del-Haven. Please pray for this young girl. We look forward to having her join us for another year of camp this summer.

Dear Ms. Sheri,

I got all the Newsletters you gave me. I read them. And when I read them I start to know different and different things I've never known before. And also when I look at the words Camp Del-Haven I remember all the nice and fun things we've done together.

I miss everything from Camp Del-Haven. I miss the staff, the cabin, the girls, the pool, the church for Bible Study. I miss the place we eat at. I miss the arts and craft room. I even miss the two dogs you have even the pool. Even the place we go to play games and learn our verses at. I miss so much things from Camp Del-Haven. I miss all the staff members too. The problem is I forget all their names.

I took up this time to ask you is there a way we can go back to Camp Del-Haven. Do my moma have to sign anything? If we have to go to www.campdelhaven.org and e-mail you please let me know. Thank you very very much. God bless you and your two dogs and all the staff members.

*By your best friend,
JaMeisha*

PS - My birthday is coming up in March. March 9th. I'll be 11 years old.

***“God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble,
Therefore we will not fear.” Ps.46:1***