



# *Publishing Peace*

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*“Behold on the mountains the feet of him who brings good tidings, who proclaims peace!...” (Nahum 1:15)*

This is the fifth and final in the series  
*“When I Study the Psalms...”*.

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## **29th Annual Victory Lectureship**

### ***“When I Study the Psalms...” (Vol. V) Elevating My Lord***

October 22-26, 2023

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**We look forward to seeing you!**

Thanks for making a great night at our 9th Annual

## Sing and Pie Fling!



# As Long as We are Faithful, We Win

Andy Robison

The king of Syria, in preparing to make war with Israel, was seeking a place to set up camp. When he settled on a tentative spot, it was—much to the frustration of Syria’s monarch—already known by the Israelites. The king of Israel, you see, received his information from Elisha, who received his information from God. (2 Kings 6:8-10)

The king of Syria—with an assumed anti-supernatural bias—wondered who was providing Israel with the intelligence. He thought there was a spy among his people. (2 Kings 6:11) Somehow, his astute servants realized and reported to him that Elisha the prophet was the cause of Syria’s failed secrecy. (6:12) Being a man of authority and power, a man used to getting his way, he sent “horses and chariots and a great army” to Elisha’s residence. (6:13-14) He was apparently aiming to bring what he deemed foolishness to an end.

It is here that the story provides a powerful point for positive Christian living. Any who have ever felt alone in God’s service will appreciate the upcoming turn of events. Any who have felt overwhelmed by the wickedness of the world; any who have loved and served the Lord only to be ridiculed by their fellow man; any who have diligently obeyed only to be awarded with temporal, yet ever so real, feelings of social abandonment will cherish the words of Elisha and the deeds of Almighty God.

The servant of Elisha shared the same sense of helplessness. He cried, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?” (6:15) Elisha’s words of spiritual confidence ring in the ears

of the empathetic, “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” (6:16). Before the servant had opportunity to question Elisha’s sanity (not to mention his mathematical ability), Elisha prayed that the eyes of the young man would be opened. When they were, he saw a mountain full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. (6:17) Then he knew several things that calmed his fear: He knew he was with the right company; he knew he was serving the right God; and he knew he was never outnumbered as long as he kept that up.

What an encouragement to those who similarly feel overwhelmed by the odds against them: For missionaries in lands of hostile leaders and apathetic citizens; for Christians in families of antagonistic unbelievers; for persecuted souls in the midst of agonizing emptiness; for those in cultures gradually systematizing against people of faith. .

God is with us. He fights for us. As long as we’re on His side, there are more of us than there are of them. As long as we’re faithful to Him, we win.

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