

Title: The Arrow of the Lord's Deliverance

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I have entitled the word He is telling us today, "The Arrow of the Lord's Deliverance," and subtitled "Be Valiant for the Truth on the Earth. " We are going to look at an understanding of the word, "Arrow of the Lord's Deliverance."

II Kings 13:14-19 NKJV

Now this is a famous passage, of symbolic action, indicating the deliverance of Israel from Syria. It was an ancient custom to shoot an arrow or cast a spear into a country before the commencement of hostilities or before they attacked. So, the king comes to Elisha the prophet, as he is in need. The word of the Lord comes forth and tells him what to do. It is very clear. He did not tell him how many times to strike. He just says go get this and do this. But, it was in the king's heart only to do three times. God always has something above and beyond what we are thinking. Okay, the prophet knew. He said, "If you had struck five or six times, then you would have struck Syria till you had destroyed it. But, now you have only done it three times, meaning the battle is not over."

Sometimes the Spirit of the Lord is going to come upon a people by the word of the Lord, to bring the "arrows of the Lord's deliverance," the word of God that you need to deliver you or to see others delivered. We cannot hold back with what we think would be sufficient. We cannot hold back and think "that ought to do it." We cannot hold back with our own slumber or even unbelief. But, you press into the Kingdom. Always press into the Kingdom which is always expanding. The Kingdom is always growing. The Kingdom is always taking territory.

The Lord does not like lack. He is not pleased with lack. He is not pleased with human efforts. He loves fire. He loves perseverance. He loves an overcoming spirit. That is why you see in Revelation chapter two and three, the rewards for the overcomers. "Blessed are the overcomers," who do not just shoot once, twice, or three times, but will go until it is done and until there is victory.

That is in the heart of the King, amen. That is what Jesus did for us. He went above and beyond. He fulfilled the Father's will perfectly. Taking sin and going to the cross and dying for us. Being the Lamb that was slain before the foundation of the world. He died in our stead. He went above and beyond. He laid down His life so that we could live, and we could have eternal life in Him and with Him. Isn't that glorious? The Holy Ghost raised Him from the dead. That is amazing. He is alive now, watching over His word to perform it in us. Thank you, Jesus. He is watching over His word to perform it in us.

Psalms 11:1-7

"In the Lord I put my trust," and I can "say to my soul," there is communion going on. "Flee as a bird to your mountain. Look, the wicked are bending their bow. They are making ready their arrow on the string, that they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart." Such is the battle on the Earth between the righteous and the wicked. But, the Lord, once we are born again, He calls us righteous. Not of our own righteousness, but of the Lord's righteousness. The righteousness of God, in Christ, now.

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We understand the assignment of the wicked is to assault the righteous, even before they are saved. "Their bows are bent," they are ready. If you remember, the prophet said, "Here is what you are going to do. Get your bow and shoot an arrow with it, to decree the victory of the Lord. To bring forth the victory of the Lord. Even before Christ, that is the movement of Holy Spirit on behalf of His nation and His people.

"If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" That is what he cries out, but it turns back into worship, where this man of God says, "The Lord is in His holy temple." The Lord is in the house of His people. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit. "The Lord is in His people, and He inhabits the praises of His people." He lives with us. The Lord is in His holy temple in Heaven, yes. The Lord's throne is in Heaven, yes.

"His eyes behold, and His eyelids test the sons of men." He looks in their eyes and allows them to be tested. He lets what is corrupt and evil come forth, so that righteousness can prevail. He lets them have their way for awhile, so that He can overcome evil with good. He comes to show Himself strong as the righteous King of Heaven and Earth. Though they are deceived in thinking that they will win a few battles, the Lord reigns from His throne in Heaven, amen. "He will test the righteous, but the wicked and the one who loves violence, His soul hates." Those are the unredeemed who refuse to come to Him. Do you understand?

Psalm 11:3 TPT

"What can the righteous accomplish when truth's pillars are destroyed and law and order collapse?"

Psalm 64:1-10 NKJV

You can see and hear that jealous fire of the Lord, that He is righteous in all of His ways. The kings of the Earth and the *people* that are wicked and have not bowed their knee to the Lord God Almighty, move so unjustly and wickedly, to corrupt even those who are drawn close to God. They assault them with bitter words. They assault and they bend their bow and shoot their arrows of bitter words. Words that are hard for you to hear. Words that will come to curse, scare, and to put in you the fear of man, this age, and the things to come. To trap you and to bring bondage into your life. But, God is on His throne.

Hear the word of the Lord. "God shall shoot at them with an arrow." Who holds the words of God? Who has the authority and the ability to hold the Word of God and to speak the word of God? Who is that? Who is it? It is the Body of Christ. Jesus said, "My words, they are spirit and they are truth." They are living. He has entrusted His kingship and His authority to the Body of Christ. When any individual speaks forth that word, you are destroying the works of the evil one. Those arrows are going out. He says, "Do not just shoot once. Do not just shoot twice. Do not just shoot three times, but you shoot until you feel the zeal of the Lord in your spirit and you know, it is done." That is how you know.

You cannot just say, "Well, that will cover it." You cannot. You have to keep going. You fill your mouth with what the Spirit of the Lord says. "The zeal of the Lord will accomplish it." He, my God, shall shoot at them with an arrow. He does that. He can do that with angelic hosts. He can speak a word from Heaven and it is done. But, He has bound Himself in covenant to the Body of Jesus Christ, the Savior on this Earth. Period.

"Suddenly they shall be wounded, and He will make them stumble over their own tongue." He will. They will eat the fruit of their own lips. "All who see them shall flee away. All men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God." People have to call out and say, "The Lord reigns, and surely, He will be praised." You understand this?

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It's like they are going to lift up their heads. Saying, "The Lord, He is God." Many will bow their knee to the King of kings and Lord of lords, because He is just, and He is perfect in all His ways. He says, "They shall wisely consider His doing. The righteous shall be glad in the Lord," we can "trust in Him." That is the heart. "The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and we can trust in Him." It takes a lot of faith to do that, because we have nothing in ourselves. "All the upright in heart shall glory." Psalms says, "All in Heaven say, Glory, Glory, Glory." That is what is happening in Heaven. Then, it's imparted to our spirit, and we sing the same song, hallelujah.

Jeremiah 9:1-9

Good old Jeremiah. He is laying it out. He is battling. God is bringing judgment left and right as He brings the truth. The subtitle says, "Disobedience Brings God's Judgment."

"They are not valiant for the truth on the Earth. They have given themselves over to the lies," shooting those arrows. Say, "Your word is truth, Lord." He is strong.

Hebrews 11:32-40

These are called the "heroes of faith." From the beginning, the first righteous to the end that comes in the Kingdom, we are one. You see the valiance, you see the glory, the integrity, the power, and the authority in His body on the Earth. Refusing to compromise the word of the Lord. Going forth and bringing great victories. Giving their lives in their victories, even unto the death. They were valiant in their faith. They brought the word of the Lord that was entrusted to them. To the end, they were valiant.

You love movies and stories where you see battles and you see the brave heart that succeeds. One who comes against the wicked of the day. Then you rejoice with tears when they lay down their life for that truth. Jesus laid down His life that we would live. He laid down His life, and He took it up again. He gives us resurrection life. He gives us authority. He gives us power, amen. Hallelujah. He is zealous for His people.

Psalms 59:16-17

Now we are getting personal, right? "To you, oh Lord, my strength, I will sing praises. For God is my defense, my God of mercy." You see how personal it becomes in the reality of "living under the shadow of His wings." We are "living and abiding under the shadow of the Most High." I laughed when Riley came up to read Psalm 91. I won't read it. She already did. Amen.

Psalms 91:5

"You shall not be afraid." That is covenant talk. That is a command, not a request. "You shall not be afraid." Amen.

Psalms 36:7

It says, "How precious is your loving kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of your wings."

Psalms 57:1

Hallelujah! We know that life and death is in the power of the tongue. We know that we were born again from above by believing in our heart and confessing with our mouth that Jesus is Lord. We know that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand and the authority of the King dwells within every believer. That is why we labor for that revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ. When you really lay hold of your position and seat in Him, you really lay hold of the Word of God in you, and you really lay hold of the great Holy Ghost that is in you to bring forth the Kingdom of Heaven, then He will manifest. He will manifest, hallelujah. Do not be afraid of the bitter words. He has already told us what He is going to do with those words, their plots, and their plans, so the Kingdom of Heaven can accomplish the Father's will. If you want to line up in that now, that is where we have to stand, amen.

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Let's stand up, pray and thank Him for what He is doing today. When He says, "Old is gone, and new things have come," He means it.

"Father, we thank you, and we embrace your Kingdom authority. We embrace Lord Jesus and your word God. We will not shrink back, Father God. We thank you that we are already kept. We are already provided for. We have already been given the arsenals. We have already been given the arrows that we are to launch. Not just shoot, but launch. Father, we thank you that the angel armies are listening to these words, and they shall accomplish it, Father God, according to your will, your purposes, and your plans. Oh my, God, that is truth. We love you, Jesus. Seal these words and works in our heart today. I pray, Lord, that your presence would go with us along the way, today, all night, tomorrow and all week, Lord. That we would know that we are under the shadow of your wings, God. That we are hidden, Lord, in Christ in God. We thank you for the Spirit of Truth that will always lead us into the fullness of your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen. Hallelujah. Go in peace.