The Revelation 2 Kings 6:1-23

Main Idea: The Gospel opens the door for us to encounter God and His loving provision. No problem withstands the Gospel's ability to supply our need. If we believe, the Gospel will work miracles for us and in us.

Do you need the Gospel? Only if you have an impure heart. The Gospel gives us a new and clean heart.

Do you need the Gospel? Only if you are poor and cannot provide for yourself what you need for heaven. The Gospel gives us what we need for time and eternity.

Do you need the Gospel? Only if you are desperate and in need of a miracle. The Gospel answers our desperation.

Do you need the Gospel? Only if you are dead in your sins and need life in your soul. The Gospel secures our resurrection.

Do you need the Gospel? Only if you are hungry for true food that nourishes your soul. The Gospel rescues us from the poison of sin.

Do you need the Gospel? Only if you are not spiritually sick. The Gospel heals us of our fatal disease.

Four Gains of the Gospel

1. The Gospel brings God's power to us.

"Then the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" When he showed him the place, he cut off a stick and threw it in there and made the iron float." (2 Kings 6:6 ESV)

Truth: The LORD works miracles to bring back what we think has been irretrievably lost. The Gospel restores us that which sin has taken from us.

Do you need the Gospel? Only if you have lost a treasure that you cannot retrieve on your own. The Gospel causes the lost to be found.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."" (Romans 1:16-17 ESV)

2. The Gospel brings God's warnings to us.

"And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom."" (2 Kings 6:12 <u>ESV</u>)

Truth: The LORD's warnings are our friends. They reveal the specific plans created by the devil for our destruction. Warnings are sent to us by the Lord to keep us from trouble and to help us avoid Satan's snares.

And . . . Moses . . . said to them, "Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, . . . " (Deuteronomy 32:45-47 ESV)

"See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven." (Hebrews 12:25 ESV)

Do you need the Gospel? Only if you have an enemy who schemes to ensnare you into sins that will ruin your life. The Gospel prepares us for spiritual battles by warning us of the devil's specific plans to destroy our soul.

3. The Gospel brings God's protection to us.

"He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."" (2 Kings 6:16 <u>ESV</u>)

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? . . . Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident." (Psalm 27:1-3 <u>ESV</u>)

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)

"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." (1 John 4:4 <u>ESV</u>)

Do you need the Gospel? Only if you have a powerful enemy that prowls around with the intend to destroy you. The Gospel makes us more than conquerors through Him who loves us!

4. The Gospel brings God's peace to us.

Truth: We were once the LORD's enemies deserving of death. But instead of destroying us, the LORD reconciled us to Himself through the kindness of the cross. While we were enemies, Christ died for us to provide a feast for our souls.

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1 <u>ESV</u>)

Truth: The Gospel changes our hearts so that we can treat our enemies as friends.

Do you need the Gospel? Only if you are tired of hostility and strife and conflict ruling over your life. The Gospel places love in our hearts even for those who hurt us.