

Isaiah  
Chapter 22

v. 6-- But we must get together and uncover our shields and quivers and act like what we are--Soldiers of Christ, remembering our weapons "are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds". (II Cor. 10:4)

v. 7-- Our choicest valleys are full of chariots and horsemen. These are the ministering angels sent to help us, to strengthen us, and to carry out our bidding in the material world. God listens to all our prayers, and answers them right away. In Daniel 10:11-21, God heard Daniel's prayer right away, but it took Gabriel awhile to get through Satan's forces to get the message to Daniel. He had to get Michael and his forces to break a hold in the lines of Gabriel to get through. In our lives, the ministering angels bring about things of God for us, but they also sometimes have trouble getting through the lines of Satan's forces in the heavens. We have a lot to do with how things go in these battles. Our words, thoughts, and actions determine who wins the battles. Fear, doubt, pride, envy, strife, etc., will strengthen those who obey those commands--Satan's forces, while Faith, Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Patience, Gentleness, Goodness, will command God's angels, and bring the battle toward us, to allow the angels to get through to bring about God's will in our lives. "Our choicest valleys" are the areas of our lives where we abound in the Fruits of the Spirit and allow our lives to be "full of the chariots".

v. 8-- Satan then "discovers the covering of Judah". He will see the covering of protection and power, the love and grace of God that He puts around His people. The more we abound in that Love and live the Fruits of the Spirit, the thicker the armor that Satan will see around us.

v. 9-- We have many breaches. We have many faults--certainly none of us, of ourselves is even nearly perfect, but the Power of the Holy Spirit is perfected in each of us. The Living Water in us will fill up the "lower pool" and keep the enemy away from the breaches in our wall.

v. 10-- We must "number our houses". These are the little shelters we make for ourselves. The areas of our lives we keep from opening up to the Spirit of God. The areas we don't give Jesus complete control of. We must break these down--let the Holy Spirit into every area to fortify the wall. Satan will enter any tiny crack in our lives that he thinks he can--it's up to us to keep the wall strong.