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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

**A1549 ~ Samaria besieged by Syria.**

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*Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.*

In Old Testament times of the Bible, when an invading army wanted to capture a well guarded city, the soldiers built earth ramps high up the outside city walls and often got into the city that way. When there was no possibility of making ramps, another yet slower way of getting the people inside to surrender was to surround the city and cut off its food supplies from the outside. Once the city was starving, the people usually surrendered to the attacking army.

In today's Bible Adventure, King Ben-hadad of Syria commanded his army to lay siege to Samaria, the capital city of Israel. There were three Syrian kings of the name Ben-hadad and today's incident seemed to have taken place when the second king was on the throne. While under Syria's siege, King Jehoram of Israel and the people of Samaria became desperate for food. A few people even resorted to the unthinkable and killed their own children to eat them. King Jehoram was very angry when a woman told him of this. Jehoram blamed his whole unhappy situation on Elisha and wanted Elisha killed.

Wicked people blame anyone else but themselves for the cause of their troubles. Jehoram could have asked Elisha what to do a long time before the people were starving. Under such harsh circumstances, Elisha could have expected Jehoram to repent of his wicked ways and turn back in trust to the Lord God for help. But Jehoram was not prepared to go that far. He wore the outside clothing symbolic of a humbled heart but inside, he wasn't prepared to change his old way of thinking.

Unbelief is a sin that greatly displeases God. Those who deny God's ability to be active in the affairs of people deprive themselves of the favours He's designed for them. Some have heard of the promise of eternal life but shall never taste it for themselves because they're just too stubborn to believe it to be true.

Giving unselfishly to others is important to God. Throughout the Bible, God doesn't focus on how much money you have but rather on how generous you are with what you have.

When we realize that everything we have is a gift from our loving and generous Heavenly Father, we'll be more willing to share our good things.

What we share with others can bring great joy to both the giver and receiver and this in turn builds relationships and loving friendships.

In Luke's Gospel, Chapter 19, the Lord Jesus told a parable about an important man preparing to go on a long journey so he could receive a great honour for himself. He set his servants various tasks to do while he was away. Each servant was given a gold coin worth about three months' wages and told to trade with it.

After a long time, the master returned and called his servants to give an account of their work. The first and second servants had traded successfully and were commended by their master. They were given much more important tasks then to do for him. But the last servant had hidden his gold coin in a piece of cloth and done nothing with it at all. The master was greatly displeased with this servant and gave his gold coin to the man with the most already.

This parable is a warning to those of us who have heard about the Lord Jesus' sacrifice for the sins of the world and believed it to be true. Are we sharing such good news with the others around us or are we like the servant who hid his gold coin and hoped that he didn't have to give an account for it?

The Lord Jesus will be very displeased with us if we're not willing to use every opportunity He gives us to share His love with others. When we faithfully tell the Bible message of God's great pardon for people through Jesus' death and resurrection, sorrowful sinners can hear, believe and come to Him.

*The drama is from The Bible In Living Sound.*

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