

# 2 Kings 6:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of the LORD; what should I wait for the LORD any longer?**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 6: God's protection and provision for His servants. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. The prophetic ministry served as God's primary means of covenant enforcement, calling both kings and people to faithfulness. During this period, Israel and Judah struggled with persistent idolatry, particularly Baal worship introduced under Ahab and Jezebel.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

## Historical Context

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**Historical Setting:** 2 Kings 6 takes place during the Elisha prophetic ministry, approximately 850-800 BCE. The chapter's theme (Miracles and Siege) reflects the historical reality of God's compassionate provision through prophetic miracles while both kingdoms struggled with persistent idolatry. Archaeological evidence from this period includes royal inscriptions, administrative documents, and

material culture that corroborate the biblical account while providing additional context for understanding the political and social dynamics at work.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 6 regarding god's protection and provision for his servants?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's character, particularly His justice, mercy, and faithfulness to covenant promises?
3. In what practical ways should this text shape contemporary Christian thinking about faithfulness, worship, and obedience to God?

## Interlinear Text

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עוֹדְנִי	מְדַבֵּר	עַמִּי	יְהוָה		
H5750	And while he yet talked	H5973	H2009		
		H1696			
הַמַּלְאָךְ		יָרַד	אֵלָיו	וַיֹּאמֶר	הֵנָּה
with them behold the messenger		came down	H413	unto him and he said	H2009
		H4397	H3381	H559	
זֶאת	הַרָעָה	יָמָא	לַיהוָה	מָה	אוֹחַ יֵל
H2063	Behold this evil	H853	for the LORD	H4100	what should I wait
		H7451	H3068	H3176	
עוֹד:		לַיהוָה			
		for the LORD			
		H5750			
		H3068			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Job 2:9** (Parallel theme): Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

**Isaiah 8:21** (Parallel theme): And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward.

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