It has happened many times while I have been driving home. It is a whisper, "There is a deer ahead." I immediately slow down and see a deer either ready to cross the road or it bolts in front of my car and I would have not been able to stop in time had I not been warned.

Warned by who? I believe is it by those who are watching me, caring for me, warning me of danger.

In the city of Dothan, the prophet Elisha was sleeping. His servant had risen early and found that the city was surrounded by a whole host of warriors from the king of Syria. They had come for Elisha because Elisha could hear from God about the affairs of men. (2 Kings 6)

In fear, the servant ran to Elisha, woke him, and they both stood observing the host of warriors. The servant was in fear, but not Elisha. Elisha told his servant there were more with them than this host of warriors. Elisha prayed and asked God to open the servants eyes.

There on the mountain surrounding the city, the young mans eyes were opened to see the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire. Angels of the Lord were there to protect Elisha and his servant. These servants of the Lord came down at the prayer of Elisha and caused the Syrians to be blinded and confused.

Since the creation of man, God has assigned these same angels to take care of His people. We are surrounded by a whole host of angelic beings sent from God to fight for us, protect us, and watch as we live out this life. They stand as witnesses to our good deeds and our bad. They watch in amazement at the choices we make at times when God was willing to bless us for our obedience, only to stand helpless when we choose unwisely and disobey.

I can almost see their faces. Warriors, fully dressed for battle in armor. Swords drawn, gleaming in the brilliant light of God. Their eyes going to and fro while watching over us. Surrounding us. Defending us.
There are choices to be made coming down to obedience or disobedience. These warriors stand at the ready, waiting to respond accordingly.

When disobedience is the choice, these warriors are left with no fight left in them. Their swords drop. There is nothing more they can do but watch as the poor choice brings judgment and a payment for sin. There eyes fill with tears, amazed that this human, Christ’s workmanship that was created for good works, would choose to feed the flesh.

“How could you? With all that God has given to you? He gave you His only begotten Son to die for you. He gave you salvation and deliverance. How could you treat God the Father so poorly? How could you break God’s heart like this by giving in and giving up the battle we were sent to fight? How? Why?”

Like Elisha and his servant and those who through the ages struggled with the same temptations, the angelic servants of God, sent to minister to you, protect you, watch over you, and carry out the blessing from God ... someone is watching you!