

Naaman Is Healed

2 Kings 5.1-14



Naaman (2 Kings 5. 1)


- Commander of the army of the kings of Syria
- High favor (Honorable)
- He was a mighty man of valor
- BUT... he was a leper
- This leprosy, which, in Israel, would have excluded him from society, did not affect his social life


Leprosy

- Leprosy is a disease that eats away at a person's flesh
- In the Old Testament, the instances of leprosy most likely meant a variety of infectious skin diseases
- In the Bible, people suffering from leprosy were treated as outcasts
- There was no cure for this disease



There is Hope (2 Kings 5. 2-10)



- Naaman is told that his leprosy could be cured by the king of Israel
 - He went to the king of Israel looking for the cure
 - Naaman departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of clothing.
 - The King could not heal him... but Elisha could
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Instructions (2 Kings 5. 10-12)

- Go and wash in the Jordan 7 times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean
- Naaman was angry
- Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel?







Territory captured by Hazael during Jehu's reign



Hazael captures Gath during Jehoash's reign



Will You Not Do It? (2 Kings 5. 13-14)

- His servants had to convince him to do it
- He dipped himself 7 times in the Jordan
- His flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean
- Maybe the rivers in Damascus were better, but that wasn't the point

Are We Willing to dip in the Jordan?



- We might not have leprosy but we all have sin in our lives
 - Similar to leprosy, sin will eat away at our lives if we let it.
 - Only baptism can cleanse and make us whole again
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