

Naaman The Leper

II Kings 5:1-14

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- A leper
- Verse 1 – “He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper.”

What did he need? – Help

People Today – Sinners

- Romans 3:23 – “... all have sinned ...”
- Romans 6:23 – “... the wages of sin is death”
- Isaiah 59:1-2 – “your sins have hidden his face”

What do we need? - Help

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- Went to the king
- Verse 5 – “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.”

He went to the wrong King

People Today – Also go to the wrong “king”

- Priest, preacher, parent, etc.

Where must we go?

- Matthew 17:1-5 – “This is my beloved Son”
- John 14:6 – “I am the way”

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- Told to wash in the Jordan
- Verse 10 – “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times.”

The cleansing was conditional

People Today – Must also obey God’s conditions

What are the conditions?

- Hebrews 5:9 – “... to all who obey him”
- Matthew 7:21-23 – “... the one who does the will of my Father ...”

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- Was angry at God’s instructions
- Verse 11 – “Naaman was angry and went away”

He became very angry (“rage”) – See verse 12

People Today – Also become angry at God’s commands

- Acts 22:16 – “Rise and be baptized ...”
- Ephesians 4:4 – “There is one body ...”

What do we need to do? – Submit to God and obey Him in everything

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- Had his own opinion on the matter
- Verse 11 – “Behold, I thought ...”

Naaman wanted it his way

People Today – Also want it their way

- James 2:24 – “... not by faith alone”
- Ephesians 5:23 – “... Christ is the head of the church”
- I Corinthians 15:58 – “always abounding in the work ...”

We must not be “carried away” in error

- II Peter 3:15-18 – “take care that you are not carried away ...”

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- Thought the waters of Damascus were superior
- Verse 12 – “better than all the waters of Israel”

Naaman wanted to substitute

People Today – Also substitute their own ideas

- II Timothy 3:16-17 – “equipped for every good work”
- I Corinthians 12:12-13 – “... we were all baptized into one body”

We must strictly adhere to God’s Word

- Proverbs 30:5-6 – “Do not add to his words”

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- Followed the instructions of God and was healed
- Verse 14 – “... his flesh was restored ...”

Naaman obeyed and was blessed

People Today – Can’t seem to bring themselves to obey

- John 3:36 – “the wrath of God remains on him”

We will be blessed upon our obedience

- Hebrews 5:9 – “he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him”

What God Wants You To Do

Hear the Word of God

- James 1:21 – “... receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

Believe the Gospel message about Jesus

- I John 3:23-24 – “that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ”

Repent of your sins

- Acts 3:19 – “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out”

What God Wants You To Do

Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- Romans 10:9-10 – “... with the mouth one confesses and is saved”

Be immersed in water

- Acts 2:38 – “Repent and be baptized every one of you ...”

Remain faithful

- Hebrews 3:12-14 – “... if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end”