

Naaman the Syrian - 2 Kings 5:1-14

Verse 1: Naaman, commander of the Syrian army.

- Great in the eyes of the King of Syria because of his military victories. (*Psalm 18:31-35*)
- Mighty man of valor AND a Leper. (*Matthew 5:45*)

Verse 2 & 3: Little captive girl of Israel.

- Worked for Naaman's wife. (*Romans 8:28*)
- Cared about her captor's well-being.

Verse 7: The King of Israel.

- Anointed King by God.
- Sees with eyes "blinded" by lack of faith in Yahweh. (*Matthew 13:14*)

Verse 8: Elisha the Prophet of God.

- Anointed as Prophet by God.
- Sees with eyes "opened" by faith in Yahweh. (*Matthew 13:16*)

Verse 10: Command from the Prophet of God.

- He doesn't even come out to speak with Naaman. (*Psalm 33:6*)
- Go was in the Jordan 7 times...

Verse 11: Naaman becomes angry.

- He expected religious exertions in order to have something happen. (*2 Kings 3:18*)

Verse 12: Thinks he came to simply wash in the Jordan when Syria has better rivers. (*John 3:10*)

- Abana = Stoney
- Pharpar = Crooked
- Jordan = Descending (don't all running rivers descend?)
- Naaman fails to realize that the importance of **where** to wash was based on the belief system and **Who** told you to wash. (The Jordan was a boarder of the Promised land of God that the seed of Abraham inherit by **FAITH**... including you and me!

Verse 13: Naaman's servants talk sense into him. (*Proverbs 11:14-15*)

Verse 14: Naaman's ears are "opened" and he acts on faith. (*Isaiah 50:5*)

- His flesh became like that of a little child. (*Matthew 18:3*)
- Naaman's action by faith in Yahweh, though he was an imperfect man and a gentile, was rewarded by God. (*Luke 4:27*)

Verse 15: Naaman professes his faith in Yahweh. (*Romans 10:10*)

- Naaman offers a gift to the man of God.

Verse 16: Elisha refuses the payment from Naaman. (*Matthew 10:8*)

Verse 17: Naaman requests 2 mule-loads of Israel dirt.

- Acting on his heart change caused by God, he will build an altar in Syria and never sacrifice to any other god but Yahweh, the One True God! (*James 2:18*)

Verse 18: Naaman requests pardon.

- His office requires him to enter the temple of his master's god and help him kneel before the altar. (*John 5:14*)

Verse 19: Naaman receives this pardon.

- Since his master's "god" is no God at all. (*1 Corinthians 8:4*)
- They are dead, mute and blind. (*Psalms 135:15-18*)

CONCLUSION: Be vigilant for the moving of God and be prepared to ACT in faith, no matter the cost.

