

Naaman

The honored Gentile leper who obeys the powerful, wise, merciful God

Introduction

- Much of the Old Testament focuses on God's chosen nation, Israel
- Over time, Israel became so corrupt, God divided the nation with Israel in north and Judah in south
- Northern kingdom guided by calf worship and Baal worship
- Elijah, God's prophet slaying false prophets

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Introduction

- Elisha follows Elijah as God's prophet to Israel and surrounding nations
- Naaman, unusual but wonderful account of an idolatrous Gentile from Israel's enemies, who humbly obeyed the Lord
- Some lessons for us today as well

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Blessed By God With Honor, Power And Valor

2Ki 5:1 Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master, and highly respected, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man was also a valiant warrior, ...

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Naaman's Greatest Problem, Leprosy?

2Ki 5:1 Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master, and highly respected, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man was also a valiant warrior, *but he was a leper.*

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Faith of A Captive Israelite Slave-girl

2Ki 5:2 Now the Arameans had gone out in bands and had taken captive a little girl from the land of Israel; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

2Ki 5:3 She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would cure him of his leprosy."

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Naaman Seeks Healing From Wrong Source

2Ki 5:4 Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus spoke the girl who is from the land of Israel."

2Ki 5:5 Then the king of Aram said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." He departed and took with him ten talents of silver and six thousand *shekels* of gold and ten changes of clothes.

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2Ki 5:6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, "And now as this letter comes to you, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

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2Ki 5:7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man is sending *word* to me to cure a man of his leprosy? But consider now, and see how he is seeking a quarrel against me."

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God's Cure Spoken By Elisha's Servant

2Ki 5:8 It happened when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent *word* to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Now let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel."

2Ki 5:9 So Naaman came with his horses and his chariots and stood at the doorway of the house of Elisha.

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2Ki 5:10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh will be restored to you and *you will* be clean."

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Naaman's Proud Angry Response To God's Word

2Ki 5:11 But Naaman was furious and went away and said, "Behold, I thought, 'He will surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.'

2Ki 5:12 "Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

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2Ki 5:13 Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, "My father, had the prophet told you *to do some* great thing, would you not have done *it*? How much more *then*, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

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Naaman Cured When He Humbly Obeyed God's Word

2Ki 5:14 So he went down and dipped *himself* seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child and he was clean.

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Naaman Expresses Continued Devotion To God

2Ki 5:15 When he returned to the man of God with all his company, and came and stood before him, he said, "Behold now, I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel; so please take a present from your servant now."

2Ki 5:16 But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will take nothing." And he urged him to take *it*, but he refused.

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2Ki 5:17 Naaman said, "If not, please let your servant at least be given two mules' load of earth; for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering nor will he sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD.

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2Ki 5:18 "In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter."

2Ki 5:19 He said to him, "Go in peace." So he departed from him some distance.

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Our Greatest Problem – Sin, Spiritual Leprosy

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Saved By Grace Through Obedient Faith To God's Word

Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;

Eph 2:9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

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Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Col 2:12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Col 2:13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

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Some Unbelievers Seek To Obey God More Than Believers

Luk 4:27 "And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

Luk 4:28 And all *the people* in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things;

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Luk 4:29 and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff.

Luk 4:30 But passing through their midst, He went His way.

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