

The Cleansing of Naaman

Introduction:

- A. Tell the story of the cleansing of Naaman. - 2 Kings 5:1-14
- B. This story has several great lessons for us today. - Romans 15:4
- C. In what ways does Naaman's cleansing parallel our salvation?

I. Naaman's Need: Cleansing - 2 Kings 5:1

- A. Leprosy was a dreaded, incurable disease. - **International Standard Bible Encyclopedia**. 4:1867-8
- B. The effects of sin are worse. - Romans 6:23; 3:23; Revelation 21:8

II. Naaman's Mistakes: Wrong

- A. Cure (He thought he could buy cleansing with money.) - 2 Kings 5:5; 1 Peter 1:17-19
- B. Authority (He went to the wrong man.) - 2 Kings 5:6-8; 3:1-3; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
- C. Reaction (He got angry at the Lord's command.) - 2 Kings 5:11-12; Mark 16:16

III. Attitude (He wanted his own way.) - 2 Kings 5:11-12; Proverbs 16:25

- A. Idea (He didn't think the cure was "great" enough.) - 2 Kings 5:11,13; 1 Corinthians 1:21-25
- B. Plan (He wanted to substitute his way for God's way.) - 2 Kings 5:12; Isaiah 55:8-9

III. Naaman's Cleansing - 2 Kings 5:10,14

- A. by grace - Ephesians 2:8-9
- B. a conditional gift - Mark 16:16 (water hole salvation? Faith in water?)
- C. blessing followed complete obedience - Hebrews 5:8-9; Matthew 28:20

Conclusion:

- A. If you have not believed and obeyed the gospel, you as Naaman need cleansing.
- B. Like Naaman, your cleansing is conditional.
- C. Will you accept God's cleansing?