

## “Elisha & the Healing of Naaman”

**Intro: God reveals Himself also to the surrounding nations.**

### Scripture:

**2 Kings 5:3–5** — <sup>3</sup> *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.”* <sup>4</sup> *Naaman went in and told his master, saying, “Thus and thus spoke the girl who is from the land of Israel.”* <sup>5</sup> *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.” ... v8* <sup>8</sup> *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.””*

### I. Naaman comes to Elisha’s home.

**2 Kings 5:10–12** — <sup>10</sup> *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.”* <sup>11</sup> *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.’* <sup>12</sup> *“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.”*

#### A. What was Naaman’s first reaction and attitude to Elisha’s words? V11-12

1. Reaction-
2. How does verse 5:1 explain Naaman’s attitude with Elisha? –
3. So, besides leprosy what else did God want Naaman to be healed of?

#### B. What was the Lord requiring of Naaman through the words of His own servant? V13-14

**2 Kings 5:13–14** — <sup>13</sup> *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’?”* <sup>14</sup> *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.”*

#### 1. What does 1 Peter 5:5–7 say about importance of Humility?

### II. Looking at 2Kings 5:15-18, What was the response to His healing?

**2 Kings 5:15–18** — <sup>15</sup> *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.”* <sup>16</sup> *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.* <sup>17</sup> *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.* <sup>18</sup> *“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.””*

#### A. What understanding about God did Naaman come to? V15

#### B. What difference do we see in Naaman’s attitude?

1. Why would Elisha refuse His silver?
2. What perspective did Elisha have about material goods (**2Kings 5:26**)?