

1. The physical destruction caused by leprosy reflects the internal destruction that sin causes.
2. Naaman achieved high honor, wealth, and prestige in society. He has everything going for him, except that he contracted the grievous disease of leprosy.
3. God uses a captured Israeli girl in Naaman's house to save him. She is in a foreign land, yet her belief in God can help Naaman where his wealth, prestige, and accomplishments fall short.
4. Elisha's fame has spread from the lowest rung in society to the king's court, so the King of Aram sends a letter to the King of Israel along with gifts and money for Naaman to be healed.
5. God is the only healer of leprosy, and He cannot be bought with material things. However, Elisha knows that God is still at work and sends for Naaman to come.
6. Naaman expects great respect and a public, miraculous healing. God addresses his core issue of arrogance when Naaman is asked to humble himself and trust in God rather than seek a grand show.
7. Just as Naaman's simple act of dipping himself seven times into the river for healing illustrates faith, Jesus asks us to believe in Him and be purified in the same way.
8. As a result of his healing, Naaman believes that Yahweh is the One True God, and his faith is raw, completely untaught, and full of enthusiasm.
9. Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, pursues financial gain rather than spiritual gain. He compounds greed with guilt and deception, which leads to him contracting leprosy. This serves as a tragic reminder that nothing, not even wealth, can be a substitute for the Lord.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

Nasa' (naw-saw´); held high, hold up, honorable (man), lofty, magnify, regard, respect

'Elohiym (el-o-heem´); - gods in the ordinary sense; but specifically used of the supreme God

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Sometimes we don't realize how much we're hurting until something forces us to face it.

- What part of Namaan's story (his pride, his need, his healing) do you relate to the most and why?

God often asks us to do simple things that require real faith, not logic or comfort.

- Can you think of a time when you had to trust God in a way that didn't make sense to you?

Naaman nearly missed his healing because it didn't happen the way he expected.

- How do you respond when God moves in quiet, unexpected, or uncomfortable ways in your life?

Naaman came looking for a cure, but left with a new faith and a changed heart.

- Have you even gone to God with one issue and ended up being changed in a deeper way?

Sometimes healing happens in stages: obedience first, then transformation.

- What does that process look like in your life right now? Is there something God is asking you to do as a step of faith?

Gehazi had seen God work, but he still gave into greed and deception.

- What warning does this story offer us about our motives, especially when we're close to "spiritual things"?

Consider: Identify one area of your life where pride, fear, or control is keeping you from fully trusting God, and take one simple step of obedience in that area.