

Elisha and Naaman II Kgs. 5:1-14

Introduction:

- I. We need to go to the right place when we have a problem.
 - A. Naaman went to Elisha, the man of God.
 1. Naaman had leprosy.
 2. He knew that Elisha was the only one that could help him.
 - B. We need to make sure that we go to the right place when we have a problem.
 1. God promises to take care of all our problems if we let Him.
 - a. **I Pet. 5:6-7**
 - b. **Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, {7} casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.**
 2. We need to get our advice from the Lord.
 - a. **Ps 33:10-11** - **The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. {11} The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.**
 - b. **Ps 73:24** - **You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.**
 - c. **Prov 19:21** - **There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the LORD'S counsel-- that will stand.**
 - d. **Prov 21:30** - **There is no wisdom or understanding or counsel against the LORD.**
 - C. In the times of Elisha and Naaman this would mean going to a prophet to find out what God said.
 1. Today, this means opening His word to find out what God says or asking someone who knows more about a particular subject.
 2. We must, however, make sure that we compare what someone else tells us with the word of God.
- II. We need to accept the answers that God gives us as the truth.
 - A. God, through Elisha, told Naaman what to do (**9-10**).
 1. He was told to wash in the Jordon River.
 2. Naaman thought it was ridiculous to wash in the Jordon (**11-12**).
 - B. It does not matter what we think of God's plan.
 1. **John 17:17** - **Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.**
 2. Whether I believe it or not, or even like it or not, the Bible is the word of God.
 3. We need to accept the word of God as truth.
 - C. When God says something in His word, we need to accept His answers.
 1. We have all talked to people who would read a verse and then say, "yea, but..."

2. Someone asked me about baptism. When I showed them one verse (Mk. 16:16), they said, “yea, but...”
 3. Naaman thought that he had a better way.
- III. Not only do we accept what God says as the truth, but we must also obey those truths.
- A. If Naaman had not washed in the Jordon River 7 times, he would have died with his leprosy.
 1. No other river was good enough.
 2. No other amount of washing (besides 7 times) was good enough.
 3. He had to obey God in all things.
 - B. Today, there is only one way to get to heaven.
 1. **Matt 7:13-14** - Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. { 14 } Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
 2. **Matt 7:21** - Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.
 3. That one way is through Christ.
 - a. **John 14:6** - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
 - b. **Acts 4:12** - Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.
 4. We must come to Christ on His terms, not ours.
 - a. **Heb 5:9**
 - b. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

Conclusion: