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Naaman The Great

Second Kings chapter five tells the story of Naaman. The story of a man who was told to go dip himself in the Jordan River seven times to be healed of leprosy. This is a true historical event because the Lord Jesus Christ referred to it in Luke chapter four when He said: "There were many lepers in Israel in the days of Elisha the prophet; but unto none of them cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

And the reason this story dealing with the sickness of a pagan General is in the words of the apostle Paul when he said in 1st Corinthians ten that the things that happened aforetime happened by way of example and were written for our admonition, upon whom the end of the ages has come. God is trying to tell us something. He is giving us a warning. So listen to the story of: A GREAT MAN, WHO HAD A GREAT MALADY, HEARD A GREAT MESSAGE, MADE A GREAT MISTAKE, AND SAW A GREAT MIRACLE.

A GREAT MAN

Now Naaman, captain of the host of the King of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valor, but he was a leper. A person might think that such a man like Naaman would be exempt from getting a terminal disease, but there was not a slave in all the land who would trade places with him because Naaman was a terminal case.

However we all need to remember that we are all terminal cases, and most of us never know when the termination will take place, and like Naaman, most do not know that we also have a great malady, and our malady is sin.

And there is not a whole lot of difference in any of us regarding this deadly disease of sin that affects us all. Take a lady who you may think is the purest of the pure and stand beside her a diseased, drug ridden, disease infested

prostitute and there is not much difference in the two. Think of it this way. A seven-watt light bulb doesn't shed much light compared to a three hundred watt bulb. But turn them both on under the midday sun, and both of them together don't make any noticeable difference in the daylight. Put those two women side by side before the great white throne before the Holiness of God, and there is not much difference between the two. This is the state of the unforgiven without Christ. Naaman was a great man and he had a great malady. Now consider the great message the great man with the great malady was about to hear.

THE GREAT MESSAGE

And the King of Syria said, "Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the King of Israel." And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes raiment. Everybody knows that medical treatment is expensive, so the King sent Naaman well healed. The ten talents of silver and the six thousand pieces of gold as well as the ten new suits tailor made probably by Omar the Tent Maker has been computed to be worth about seventy thousand dollars in our money. Naaman knew that healing costs a lot of money. Go to the hospital and get your blood pressure taken and you may get a bill for ten thousand dollars.

When Naaman finally arrived he came with horses and chariots, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. This was the great message that he received. Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, "Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean."

These instructions were very simple. There is no way anyone could say it is all a matter of interpretation. There was no way anyone could say it was an ambiguous remark. Go wash in the river Jordan and do it seven times. There

was something that Naaman had to do. And if he would do what the prophet said he would be clean. Naaman had just heard a great message. The greatest message he would ever hear.

We also have heard a great message. The great message we have heard is that Him who knew no sin was made to be sin that we might be made the righteous of God in Him. The great message we have heard is that Christ died for our sins. The great message we have heard is He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. The great message we have heard is, "Repent ye and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." This was the great message that Naaman heard. Naaman was a great man who had a great malady and he had a great message and now we note his great mistake.

THE GREAT MISTAKE

But Naaman was wroth, 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 strike his hand over the place, and recover Naaman the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

The great mistake Naaman made was when he began to question God. And said, "Behold, I thought." A lot of folk are like this. Behold, I thought you were saved before you were baptized. Many an unforgiven sinner on the Judgment Day will say, "Behold, I thought there was no hell." People will hear the word of the Lord on that day and say, "Behold, I thought!"

Naaman not only had pre-conceived ideas as to what the message would be, but he got mad when he was told to do something different. I have had many a person get mad by simply telling them what the Bible said. They say, "What about my parents who did not believe this way?" Jesus said several times, "He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." Folk like this really don't need a Bible. They are like people who go to the doctor and expect to write their own prescription. Naaman went away in a rage and he was still a leper.

The writer of Proverbs gives good advice to all. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Don't lean on your preacher. Lean on the Lord. Don't lean on your parents. Lean on the Lord. Don't lean on your denomination. Lean on the Lord. In the matter of salvation especially, lean hard on the word of God. Naaman was leaning on what he thought. "Behold, I thought!" The writer of Proverbs warns again, "There is a way which seemeth right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." This was Naaman's great mistake. He leaned hard on his own understanding, and not on trust in God. Behold, I thought!

THE GREAT MIRACLE

The servants of Naaman rescued him from his great mistake. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some

great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? "How much rather then, when he saith to thee, 'Wash, and be clean?'" Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

They reasoned to him that if he had been told to do some difficult thing he would have done it. Naaman saw the wisdom and obeyed. After he had dipped seven times in Jordan his flesh was clean as a child.

Note that it says he did according to the word of the Lord. When you do what is commanded according to the Lord what he has promised will be done. There was not even one little scab left that would need to be burned off in the imaginary fires of purgatory. And when you obey the Lord in His plan for your salvation there will not be one sin that is not covered by your obedience to His command, the miracle of salvation is the greatest miracle of all; now this in conclusion.

CONCLUSION

Naaman told Elisha, "From henceforth shall I offer no sacrifice or burnt offering to any God but the Lord." If anyone who will learn from the Apostle Paul this event happened by way of example to us. When we surrender our lives in obedience to God even as did Naaman it can be said of us also, "GO IN PEACE."



IKE & LEE UPDATE

We are on with our soul-winning job, which is our passion. Tuesdays and Friday are the only days set apart for our personal (secular) jobs with the rest of the days for the Lord's work. Even on the Tuesdays and Fridays, we run the Ed's Sermon Translation program in the evenings so you can see that we are on the job for Christ all round the week.

Our quest to start more congregations of the Lord's church in the several villages in Ghana is still on and our second congregation at Agona Nkwanta is still online waiting for the Lord's approval. If this is done, it will be our third congregation started so far. Our rounds in the villages indicate that many, many people still do not know the church. It makes us feel sad but urges us to go to do more. Please, when you pray do remember the church to grow in Africa.

ED'S SERMON TRANSLATION: Everyday we ponder on how this program was created by us to let people who cannot listen to Ed's Radio Broadcast Sermons to also do so. It is amazing what the program is doing. We can easily say that this program is 'baptizing' more souls than any of our programs. PTL! We thank Ed and Naomi for the good works and the great sermons ever preached or delivered. We will continue to pray for them for continuous wonderful sermons to win more souls for Christ.

BIBLES: Regardless of the tight funds available, GIJAPA has been doing its best to supply us with the needed Bibles for the work here. Over 4000 people have received Bibles

either in English or in our local languages from us through GIJAPA, and we feel proud to see people holding some of our Bibles to church or reading them in their home, shops or offices. We do not owe anybody reading our course a Bible unless the fellow did not or has not received it through the mail. Apart from them there are so many responsible elderly people who have requested for Bibles that we are yet to honor those requests. Our list has 658 requests for English Bibles, 361 for Large Print Bibles in English (for sight impaired persons) and 706 for Bibles in our local languages. IF YOU CAN, PLEASE HELP US SUPPLY THESE BIBLES TO AFRICA.)

LESSONS: We have recorded over 1000 graduates here in our books and we still have more lessons with students that are yet to be returned for grading. Requests for the course are still coming in and we are also mailing the lessons back to Ed and Naomi for grading but we still have more lessons here to be mailed back for grading as they keep mailing them. This program has also been 'baptizing' souls and today, a teacher is using them to teach the English language in his school. Another pastor called to tell us that his church is benefiting a lot from the lessons through his Bible Class on Sunday Mornings. We thank God for all these and the more He is doing through GIJAPA.

CLOTHING: Originally requested for kids in our church here in Ghana and later for the grownups have helped the work we are doing a lot. Today many, many people who couldn't go to church because they did not have clean or no clothes are happily attending church service. We advise them to take very good care of the clothes they get from GIJAPA so that they will not lack immediately. We bought shoe polish for some of the people so that they can maintain their shoes clean and to last for them. Our sincere gratitude goes to the brethren who are donating these clothes and the church that sent a truck full of clothes to Ed and Naomi for us. Today, through this passionate request from us, many people in other part of the world apart from us are also enjoying the clothes, which is very encouraging. We thank Ed and Naomi for accepting and honoring this request though it was not part of GIJAPA's evangelism plan. May God bless you and continue to bless you for the humanitarian work you are doing for God and for humanity.

NEW CHURCHES: The church at Fianko is doing well with average weekly attendance of 26-30. This is so because many of the brethren have immigrated into the cities for work, as there is none in the village. Glad to tell you that we follow all these immigrated souls and we know that none of them has falling from the grace but are seriously worshipping God through other congregations in the area where they are.

Very soon, the congregation at Agona Nkwanta would be started. We have a good number of people to start the church with through our work there but our problem is how to support the one to man that congregation after it has been started. So the brethren are for now worshipping with us at Park Side Church of Christ with their transportation cost being taken care of by Lee and me. So pray for us for this congregation to start.

LETTERS

Sir Ed:

Today is the start of classes on primary and high school levels in my country. And we are being reminded how helpful to both parents and their children about the used clothing and shoes you have sent via GIJAPA. They are really great aid for us here especially our children who are wearing them by now! Thanks so much again Sir Ed with your discretion in sending those gifts to us. What a big help from our drained purse instead of buying those things by ourselves! Please relay once again our gratitude to those who donate those gifts. And much better if you could make it known over the radio. Please let them know how far their help and blessings could go to their poor brethren and prospects for the Lord. They are really reflecting the light of the Lord through their benevolent undertakings on this GIJAPA project!

Ed Domingo, Evangelist of Sunset Beach Church of Christ, Philippines

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ!

I am getting your newsletter regularly starting from February 2008 and I am your student studied the first 5 lessons of STUDIES IN THE BIBLE and mailed back all the sheets to you and waiting for next 10 lessons. I also received the Bible you sent-God bless you richly. I am 25 today and I am living here with my family with no job and a zero income. Here in our country it is hard to live for born again Christians, the cops always chasing us but our God is always with us as we read in Psalms 121:3, "who that keeps thee will not slumber." I heard and read in your newsletter you are helping needy African believers with clothing I decided to ask you if you can help us. Please send some clothes and shoes and don't forget to pray for our country-Eritrea.

God bless you in all you need! Phili

Uncle Ed and all,

Been working much overtime. I get tired but I am thankful for a good job. Please keep on plugging as we so desperately need you. I cherish your newsletter as I read it and use it over and over and over. I will give as much and as often as I can. The truth you speak cuts to the quick, like the double edged Roman sword. Grow not weary.

Love Mark S. from Grand Island, NE

Ed, in reply to your question: "How did I hear of you and your needs in MN?" A minister of the word in the Church of Christ told me about your web site (www.gijapa.org) so I opened it up and this is what my wife and I have been looking for. His name is Ray Dietz and he got it from a good friend of mine who passed away awhile back Ed McWaters. Every chance I get we open up one of your sermons and listen to it, Ed and praise the Lord.

Thank you Kevin & Jean from Crookston, MN

Dear Beloved,

We have received the two boxes of used clothing and shoes. Nice family, we thank you so much. Please keep on

remembering us in this hard soil. The work is going on fine here and we thank God for that. I do much job around the sub region, not only in the Gambia. Truly speaking, you are helping to ease our burden here so much and I appreciate your love and concern for us, Thanks a lot. I sometimes visit nearby countries like Senegal and Sierra Leone for Mission work. I also send some of the Bibles to those places, they are glad. So as for Bibles and used clothing, I need any time you could send I just love that. That is helping the work I am doing in all these areas. Please pray for me. I salute your beloved wife in The Lord. God be with you all.

Thanks, Alexander Ofori, a servant of The Most High God from The Gambia, W. Africa

Dear Bro. Ed and Sister Naomi,

Yesterday Sunday 8th June 2008, was a very bad day for us. Our field of 1 hectre of maize was burnt to ashes. The logs I had cut for charcoal also was burnt to ashes. Since I am attending a 5 days workshop, my wife and our son this morning went to the field and came home crying. I did fire guard, but I don't know what type of Iraq is this. Please pray for us this is the power of the devil. On Saturday 7th and Monday 9th 2008, I received all three boxes you sent recently. The good news is that on Sunday, we baptized two people. The Church is growing and thank you for the box of bibles coming. In heartfelt unity and warm greetings of love I remain yours

JOHN MASEKA, Evangelist; Zambia, Central Africa

Hi Brother Bousman! On Monday the 12th of May 2008 I received the box of Bibles you sent for my ministry. Thank you Bro. Ed; you are indeed a great help to the ministry in Liberia. We now have 40 congregations in Liberia and 2 in Sierra Leone. The Lord is at work in the lives of his people.

In Christ. Mike Foday Triumph Church of Christ



2008 Family Camp Schedule July 27-31 Sunday School for all ages 9:30 a.m. Ed Bousman 10:30 a.m. preaching				
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:00-9:30		Family Worship/Devotions		
9:40-10:10		Terry Peer	Guthrie Veech	Dan Webb
10:20-10:50		George Faul	Bane Angles	Steve Sams
11:00-11:35		Jeff Faul	Tom Postle	John Pierce
11:40-2:00		Lunch Break		
2:00-2:05		Scripture and Prayer		
2:05-2:10		Congregational Singing		
2:10-2:55		Special Session	Jim Newman	3 x 5 Session
2:55-3:05		Congregational Singing		
3:10-3:55		Jack Cottrell	Dick Chambers	Tom Claibourne
4:00-7:00		Dinner Break		
7:00-7:05		Scripture and Prayer		
7:00-7:05		Evening Concert		
7:20-7:50		Ray Bennett	David Frye	Mike Rife
7:50-8:15	Congregational Singing			
8:20-8:55	Jim Newman	Tony Sullivan	Jeff Faul	Ed Bousman



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