

Lessons a Leper Had to Learn

2 Kings 5:1-14

Introduction:

- A. Naaman had a position along with power (vv. 1-5)
- B. Naaman had a problem along with pride.
 - 1. As a leper, had problem that position and power could not help - like sin.
 - 2. As a Syrian, had pride that almost cost him his cure - like many of us.
- C. Naaman had to learn three lesson before being healed.

Discussion:

- I. He Had to Learn the Difference Between “King” and “Prophet” (vv. 3-9).**
 - A. The slave girl pointed to the prophet — all preachers & teachers can do.
 - 1. She could not heal Naaman — I cannot save.
 - 2. She could point to prophet (Elisha) — I can point you to “The Prophet”
 - B. The king pointed to the king of Israel (vv. 5-8).
 - 1. Many think high and mighty must have the answer.
 - 2. Many look to church, parents, etc — rather than Bible (2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Jas. 1:21; Gal. 1:8,9).
- II. He Had to Learn the Difference Between “Wave” and “Wash” (vv. 10, 11).**
 - A. Naaman thought “wave” before Elisha said “wash.”
 - B. Many make up their minds before hearing God’s way.
 - 1. How God will save them.
 - 2. How God should be worshipped.
 - 3. How God’s church should function and be structured.
 - 4. How God wants us to live in the present world.
- III. He Had to Learn the Difference Between “Pharpar” and “Jordon” (v. 12).**
 - A. Naaman could see no difference — What was difference?
 - B. Many see no difference in other things (Ill. Mexican in Hammand , Ind.)
 - 1. What difference did the “fire” make? (Lev. 10:1-4).
 - 2. What difference did the “tribe” make? (Heb. 7:12-14).
 - 3. What difference does “Faith, Baptism, body”, etc. make? (Eph. 4:4-6).
 - 4. What difference does the message make? (Gal. 1:8,9).
 - 5. What difference does the music make? (Eph. 5:19).
 - 6. What difference does the “day” make? (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1,2)

Conclusion:

- A. Naaman finally learns, swallows his pride, and obeys (vv. 13-15).
- B. Naaman’s leprosy was washed away in Jordon - our sins washed away in baptism (Acts 22:16).