

# Naaman, The Leper

**TEXT: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Luke 4:27**

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. NAAMAN MIGHTY, CAPTAIN, GREAT WITH HIS MASTER, HONORABLE.
- B. "BUT HE WAS A LEPER."
- C. ANALOGIES: **LEPROSY & SIN, NAAMAN & SINNERS**. WE WANT TO ANALYZE THIS ANALOGY.

## I. LEPROSY, PHYSICAL DISEASE - SIN, SPIRITUAL DISEASE.

- A. LEPROSY IS **LOATHSOME**.
  - 1. It's removal is called cleansing. It begins as a boil and develops into a scab, or a bright spot on the skin. As it spreads, pieces of flesh actually decay and fall off. The stench of decomposing flesh is almost unendurable.
  - 2. Sin is unendurably loathsome ( **Rom. 12:9** ).
    - a. Result is death ( **Ez. 18:20** ).
    - b. Sin alienates from God ( **Isa. 59:1-2** ).
- B. LEPROSY IS **CONTAGIOUS**.
  - 1. Victims exiled without mercy!
  - 2. Bad influence generally wins over good ( **1 Cor. 15:33; 1 Cor. 5:6-8** ).
- C. LEPROSY IS **DECEPTIVE**.
  - 1. In the early stages, it is difficult to distinguish from a boil or rash.
  - 2. Most who are in sin don't know it. Sin is deceptive ( **Col. 2:8; Heb.3:12-13** ).
- D. LEPROSY IS **NOT INHERITED** BUT ACQUIRED ( **Ez.18:1-4, 19-20** ).
- E. LEPROSY **SPREADS SLOWLY AND DOMINATES** MORE AND MORE.
  - 1. Sin's spread may be imperceptible, a drift ( **Heb. 2:1** ).
  - 2. But it develops a lock, a servitude ( **Heb. 3:12-13; 2:14-15** ).
- F. THE ONLY RELEASE IS **DEATH** ( **Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:1** ).
- G. **GOD ALONE CAN HEAL** ( **Eph.2:1, 4-5; John 14:6; Acts 4:12** ).

## II. NAAMAN WAS THE GREATEST OBSTACLE TO HEALING.

- A. BECAUSE HE **GOT MAD**( **vs. 11-12** ). To some the gospel is good news, but to others, it makes them angry to be accused of sin.
- B. BECAUSE OF HIS **PRIDE** HE WANTED TO BE ASKED TO DO SOME GREAT THING.
  - 1. The example of Jesus is for us( **Phil. 2:5-8** ).
  - 2. God favors the humble( **1 Pet. 5:5-6** ).
- C. BECAUSE HE HAD **A PRECONCEIVED NOTION** OF WHAT HE WOULD BE TOLD TO DO( **vs. 11; 2 Thes. 2:11-12; 1 Cor. 1:21-24** ).
- D. BECAUSE HE **LOOKED FOR SOMETHING SENSATIONAL** ( **vs. 11; 1 Cor. 1:21-24; 2 Cor. 11:3** ).

## III. NATHAN HUMBLED HIMSELF( vs. 15 ).

## CONCLUSION:

- A. THE THING THAT NAAMAN WAS ASKED TO DO WAS SIMPLE AND EASY, **YET HE ALMOST REJECTED HIS ONLY HOPE!**
- B. **WHAT GOD ASKS OF US IS SIMPLE AND EASY**( **Mark 16:16** ).