

**100 Bible Stories**  
46. Naaman and Elisha

**2 Kings 5 (NKJV)**

Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. <sup>2</sup>And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy. . . ."

<sup>5</sup>So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. . . . <sup>9</sup>Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house.

<sup>10</sup>And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' <sup>12</sup>Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. . . .

<sup>15</sup>And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant." <sup>16</sup>But he said, "As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." And he urged him to take it, but he refused.

<sup>20</sup>But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God . . . <sup>21</sup>pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw him running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him, and said, "Is all well?" <sup>22</sup>And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me, saying, 'Indeed, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the mountains of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of garments.'"

<sup>23</sup>So Naaman said, "Please, take two talents. . . ." <sup>25</sup>Now Gehazi went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, "Where did you go, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant did not go anywhere." <sup>26</sup>Then he said to him, "... Is it time to receive money and to receive clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants? <sup>27</sup> Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever." And he went out from his presence leprous, as white as snow.

Who is Naaman? His relationship to God?

What does the Israelite captive do? Why?

Baptism?

Why is Naaman offended?

How did his servants help him?

Religion as source of gain.