

Old Testament Character Studies: Naaman

Sunday, December 25

Note: *Wednesday, December 28 will be a song service.*

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- From 2 Kings 5: 1 – 3, what do we learn about Naaman's background, and what disease was he afflicted with? How did Naaman acquire an awareness of the God of Israel?
- In 2 Kings 5: 4 – 6, how did Naaman respond to this awareness? What did he take with him to Israel?
- In 2 Kings 5: 7, how did the king of Israel respond to the letter from the Syrian king (regarding Naaman's condition)? What did this indicate about the Israelite king's faith, and how could he have responded in a more productive way?
- From 2 Kings 5: 8 – 10, how did the prophet Elisha respond when he learned of the king's conduct toward Naaman's request? What specific instructions did Elisha give to Naaman?
- Characterize Naaman's reaction as recorded in 2 Kings 5: 11 – 12. How can we respond to similar resistance as we seek to share God's word with others?
- From 2 Kings 5: 13 – 14, what advice did Naaman's servants give to him, and how did Naaman respond? How can we use this event as an example to aid in our efforts to teach others about obedience and responding to God's authority?
(*Luke 4: 27; John 14: 31; Luke 6: 46 – 49*)
- In 2 Kings 5: 15 – 16, what acknowledgment did Naaman make before Elisha, and what did he offer to the prophet? How does Elisha respond?
- From 2 Kings 5: 17, why did Naaman wish to take soil from Israel back to Syria?
- Characterize the conversation between Naaman and Elisha as recorded in 2 Kings 5: 18 – 19. What did Naaman ask, and how did Elisha respond to his request?