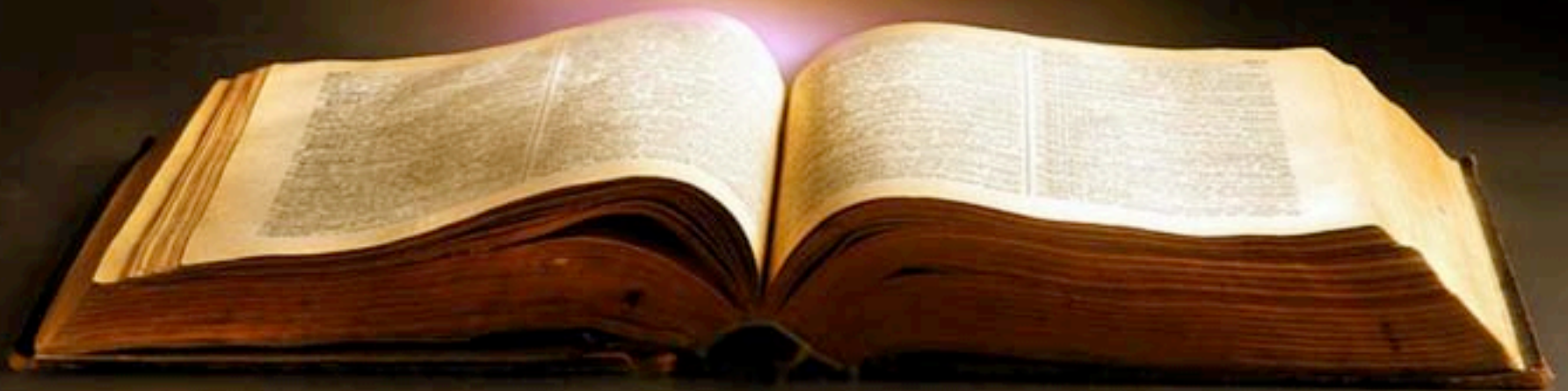


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# Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty

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**Father in heaven,**

**How we love You,**

**We lift Your Name**

**In all the earth.**



**May Your kingdom be established**

**In our praises**

**As Your people declare**

**Your mighty works.**

**Blessed be the Lord God Almighty**

**Who was and is and is to come.**

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**Who reigns forevermore.**

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# Bless His Holy Name

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**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within me,  
Bless His holy Name.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within me,  
Bless His holy Name.**

**He has done great things,**

**He has done great things,**

**He has done great things,**

**Bless His holy Name.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And all that is within me,  
Bless His holy Name.**





## **BEAUTY FOR ASHES**

**He gave me beauty for ashes**

**The oil of joy for mourning**

**The garment of praise**

**For the spirit of heaviness**

**That we might be trees of righteousness**

**The planting of the Lord**

**That He might be glorified**

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# **GARMET OF PRAISE**

**Put on the garment of praise**

**For the spirit of heaviness**

**Lift up your voice to God**

**Praise with the Spirit**

**And with understanding**

**Oh magnify the Lord**



**All you that mourn in Zion**

**I have authority**

**To appoint unto you in Zion**

**Oil of joy that will set you free**

**Put on the garment of praise**

**For the spirit of heaviness**

**Lift up your voice to God**

**Praise with the Spirit**

**And with understanding**

**Oh magnify the Lord**

**Lift up the hands that hang down**

**Lift up the voice now still**

**Give unto God continuous praise**

**Sing forth from Zion's hill**

**Sing to Yahweh alleluia**

**Worship and praise our God**

**Praise and adore Him**

**Bow down before Him**

**Oh magnify the Lord**



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**and**

**GREETING**

# CHILDRENS MESSAGE

# **WORSHIP THE LORD WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**Malachi 3:10 "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."**

## **Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom**

**all blessings flow:**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above, ye heav' nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**A-men**



# Worship in Song

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## Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows

You are tempest-tossed,

When you are discouraged,

Thinking all is lost,

Count your many blessings,

Name them one by one,

And it will surprise you

What the Lord hath done.

Count your blessings,

Name them one by one,

Count your blessings,

See what God hath done;

Count your blessings,

Name them one by one;

Count your many blessings,

See what God hath done.



Are you ever burdened

With a load of care?

Does the cross seem heavy

You are called to bear?

Count your many blessings,

Every doubt will fly,

And you will be singing

As the days go by.

Count your blessings,

Name them one by one,

Count your blessings,

See what God hath done;

Count your blessings,

Name them one by one;

Count your many blessings,

See what God hath done.

So, amid the conflict,  
Whether great or small,  
Do not be discouraged,  
God is over all;



Count your many blessings,

Every doubt will fly,

And you will be singing

As the days go by.

Count your blessings,

Name them one by one,

Count your blessings,

See what God hath done;

Count your blessings,

Name them one by one;

Count your many blessings,

See what God hath done.



# Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary

Days are filled with sorrow and care,

Hearts are lonely and drear;

Burdens are lifted at Calvary,

Jesus is very near.



Burdens are lifted at Calvary,

Calvary, Calvary,

Burdens are lifted at Calvary,

Jesus is very near.

Cast your care on Jesus today,

Leave your worry and fear,

Burdens are lifted at Calvary,

Jesus is very near.

Burdens are lifted at Calvary,

Calvary, Calvary,

Burdens are lifted at Calvary,

Jesus is very near.

Troubled soul, the Savior can see,

Every heartache and tear,

Burdens are lifted at Calvary,

Jesus is very near.



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# Bow The Knee

**There are moments on our journey  
following the Lord  
Where God illumines  
ev'ry step we take.**

**There are times when circumstances  
make perfect sense to us,  
As we try to understand  
each move He makes.**

**When the path grows dim  
and our questions have no  
answers,**

**turn to Him.**

**Bow the knee;**



**Trust the heart of your Father  
when the answer goes beyond  
what you can see.**

**Bow the knee;**

**Lift your eyes toward heaven and  
believe the One who holds eternity.**

**And when you don't understand**

**the purpose of His plan,**

**In the presence of the King,**

**bow the knee.**

**There are days**  
**when clouds surround us,**  
**and the rain begins to fall,**  
**The cold and lonely winds**  
**won't cease to blow.**

**And there seems to be no reason  
for the suffering we feel;  
We are tempted to believe  
God does not know.**

**When the storms arise,  
don't forget we live by faith  
and not by sight.  
Bow the knee;**



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when the answer goes beyond  
what you can see.**

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**WORSHIP THE LORD**

**IN**

**HIS WORD**

**SEVEN DUNKS  
IN A  
MUDDY PUDDLE**



**OR**

**The Captain and the  
Captive**

**2 Kings 5:1-6;**

**Please open your  
Bibles and read  
along with me:**

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**2 Kings 5:1-6** “Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him Jehovah had given victory unto Syria: he was also a mighty man of valor, *but he was a leper.* 2 And the Syrians had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maiden; and she waited on



**Naaman's wife. 3 And she said unto her mistress, Would that my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! then would he recover him of his leprosy. 4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maiden that is of the land of Israel. 5 And the king of Syria said, Go now, 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 of raiment. 6  
And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, And now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.”



**ten talents of silver @ 75lbs each =  
\$20,000.00**

**six thousand pieces of gold @ 11  
grams each = \$2,866,000.00**

**ten changes of raiment = ??????????**

## **Introduction:**

**The healing of Naaman, the Leper is not just a story of the healing of a man from one of the most dreaded diseases of ancient times, but it is a story of salvation, one which illustrates the spiritual salvation man finds only in Jesus Christ and how men come to find that salvation in Christ.**



**In Naaman's healing there are a variety of people who play different parts; some good and vital to the salvation and healing of Naaman and others not so good.**

**All illustrate the various good and evil persuasions of people that either aid or hinder bringing men to Christ.**

**Realize also that Naaman lived 894 years before Christ.**

## **I. Naaman -**

**1. “Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him Jehovah had given victory unto Syria: he was also a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper.”**



**A. Captain (The commanding general of Benhadad's army;)**

**B. Great man with his master – held in favor and esteem:**

**C. Honorable - greatly respected by all ranks and degrees among the people:**



**D. Because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria:**

**E. He was also a mighty man in valor - a very courageous valiant man:**

**F. But, He was a leper - was stricken with the leprosy, which had deformed and disgraced his person, and weakened his strength, and dispirited him; all his grandeur and honor could not protect him from this loathsome disease.**

**A leper saw portions of their bodies become numb, muscles atrophy (waste away), tendons contract making the hands like claws, and then the ulceration of the fingers and toes and hands and feet resulting in their loss bit by bit until the whole hand or foot was gone.**



**We must not miss the picture God wants us to see from this emphasis in Scripture.**

**Sin is like  
this.**

**Because of man's separation from God, because of his spiritually dead condition and the hardness of his heart, he becomes insensitive, callused, restless and never satisfied. He often does not experience severe pain from his sin, only insensitivity, restless misery, and futility, ever seeking some means of fulfillment running from one thing to another.**



## **II. A Nameless Maid-**

**Verses 2 “And the Syrians had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maiden; and she waited on Naaman's wife. 3 And she said unto her mistress, Would that my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! then would he recover him of his leprosy. 4 And one went in, and**



**told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maiden that is of the land of Israel.”**

**A. Captive - kidnapped from her home in Israel; this girl was an unwilling missionary, taken captive from Israel and now in Syria.**

**Yet God allowed the tragedy of her captivity to accomplish a greater good.**

**The young girl illustrates the mysterious ways God works.**

**She was probably raised in a godly home, yet taken from her family at a young age.**



**It was an irreplaceable loss for her parents, and one they no doubt grieved over every day.**

**Yet, she was greatly used in a simple way.**

**B. Servant - to Naaman's wife; Honorable in her service - she did not whine or complain about her LOT.**

**C. Noble character - She saw the need of those about her; If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria!**

**This young girl was an outstanding example of a faithful witness in her current circumstance.**



**She *cared* enough to speak up, and she had *faith* enough to believe that Elisha would heal him of his leprosy.**

**D. Brave in her demeanor – She told of the healing prophet of the true God.**

**“And see the benefits of a religious education!”**

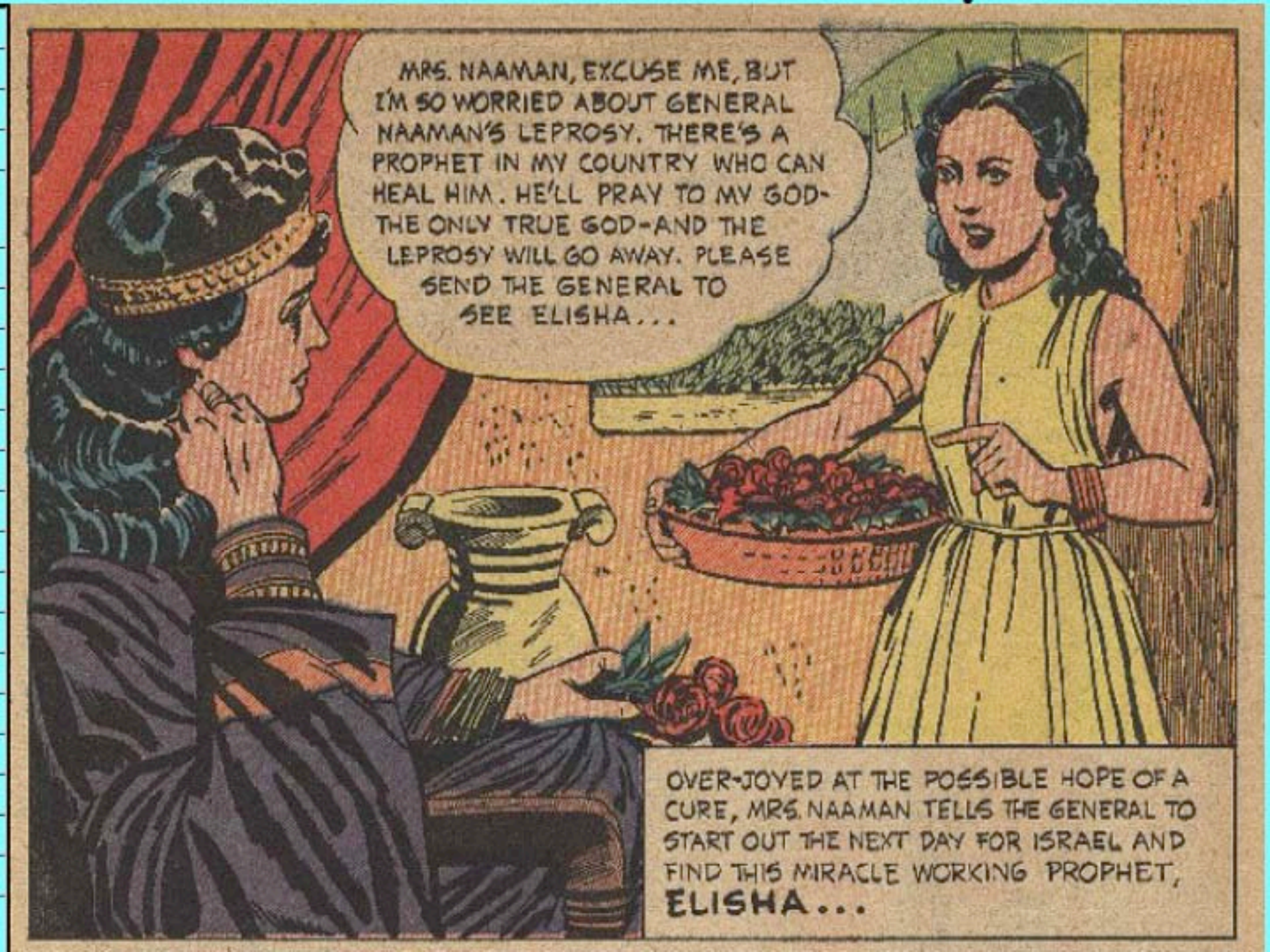


**Had not this little maid been brought up in the knowledge of the true God, she had not been the instrument of so great a salvation.” (Clarke)**

**E. Selfless in her prayer –**

**“...Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.”**





MRS. NAAMAN, EXCUSE ME, BUT I'M SO WORRIED ABOUT GENERAL NAAMAN'S LEPROSY. THERE'S A PROPHET IN MY COUNTRY WHO CAN HEAL HIM. HE'LL PRAY TO MY GOD- THE ONLY TRUE GOD- AND THE LEPROSY WILL GO AWAY. PLEASE SEND THE GENERAL TO SEE ELISHA...

OVER-JOYED AT THE POSSIBLE HOPE OF A CURE, MRS. NAAMAN TELLS THE GENERAL TO START OUT THE NEXT DAY FOR ISRAEL AND FIND THIS MIRACLE WORKING PROPHET, **ELISHA...**



### III. King Benhadad -

5-6 – “And the king of Syria said, Go now, 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 of raiment. 6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, And now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I

have sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.”

**A.** I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy:



**B. And took with him ten talents of silver Estimates say that Naaman took more than \$3 million dollars with him to Israel.**

**All this together shows how *desperate* Naaman's condition was, and how badly the King of Syria wanted to help him.**



**IV. King Jehoram - (son of Ahab, brother of the late Ahaziah) apparently unaware of the prophet Elisha.**

**Verse 7 “And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? but**

**consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.”**

**When the king of Israel (Jehoram) read the letter, he was understandably upset.**

**First, it was obviously out of his power to heal Naaman's leprosy.**



**Second**, he had no relationship with the prophet of the God who *did* have the power to heal.

He thought the king of Syria sought a quarrel.

It is very interesting that a little maid living in the outer territories of Israel is aware of the prophet of God and the King is not or chooses not to be!

**Sounds like politics today.**

**The politicians are unaware or are not concerned with the desires of their constituents.**

**Also the king of Syria assumed that the king of Israel was on a much better relationship with Elisha than he really was.**



**It is easy for others to assume that we have a better relationship with God than we really do.**

## **V. Elisha, God's Spokesman -**

**Verses 8-12 “And it was so, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy**

clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. 9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.



**11. 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 Jehovah his God, and wave his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the 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.”**



**A. Elisha sent a messenger to him:**

**Naaman took the trouble to come to the home of Elisha, but Elisha refused to give him a personal audience.**

**He simply sent a messenger.**

**This was humbling to Naaman, who was accustomed to being honored.**

**He sent a messenger because Naaman had over-estimated his own importance.**

**B.** “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean:”

**These were simple, uncomplicated instructions.**



**Yet as Naaman's reaction demonstrates, these were humbling instructions.**

**C. "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:"**



**Naaman had it all figured out; In his great need, he anticipated a way God would work, and he was offended when God didn't work the way he expected.**

**D. “He turned and went away in a rage:”**

**Because his expectation of how God *should* work was crushed, Naaman wanted nothing to do with Elisha.**

**If the answer was in washing in a river, Naaman knew there were better rivers in his own land.**



## **VI. A Nameless Servant -**

**Verse 13 “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?”**



**A. His servants came near and spoke to him:**

**Thank God for faithful subordinates who will speak to their superiors and any one else in their time of need.**

**Naaman was obviously angry, yet they were bold enough to give him the good advice he needed to hear.**

**B.** If the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it?

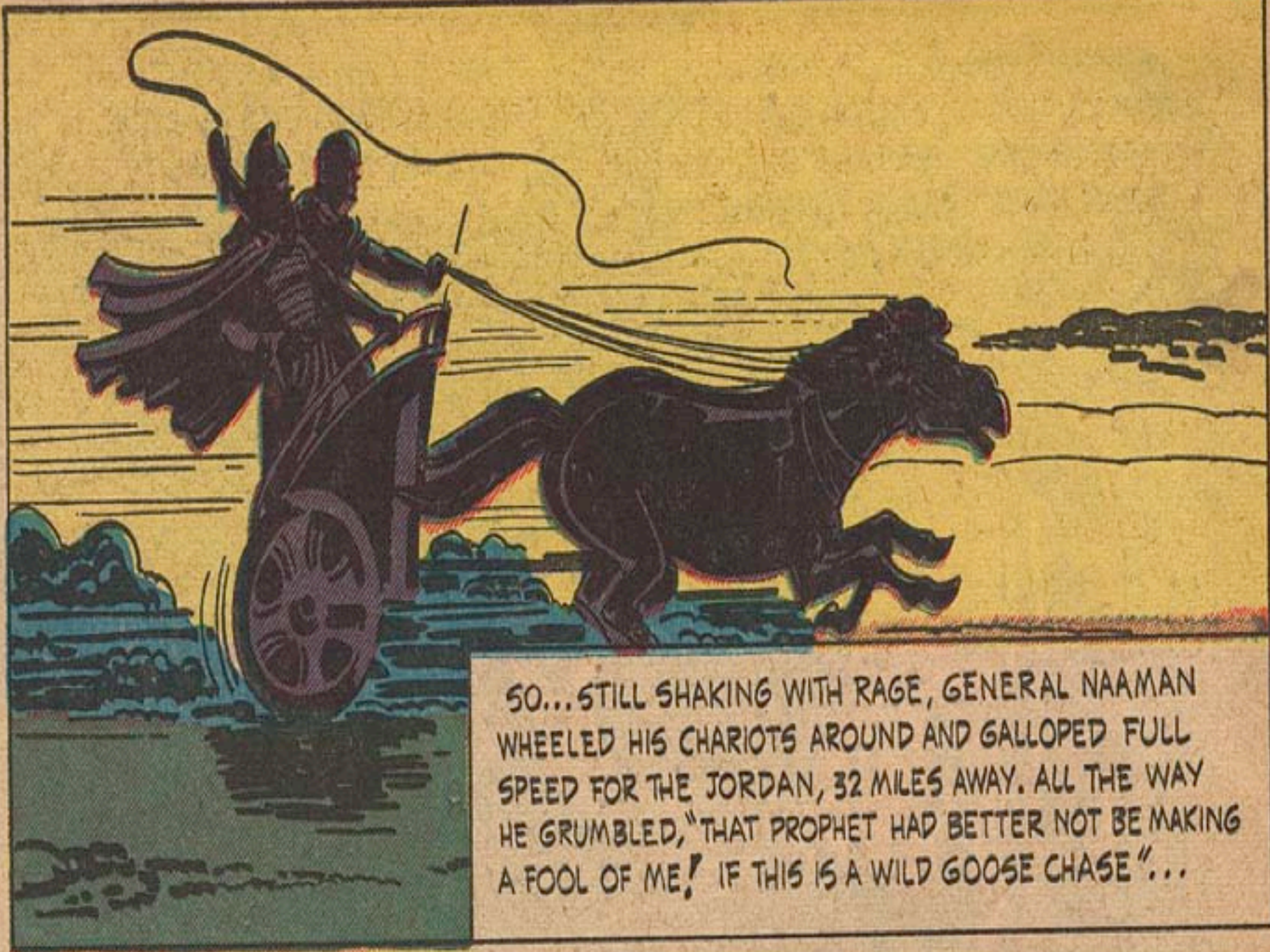
**The servants of Naaman used a brilliantly logical approach.**

**If Elisha had asked Naaman to sacrifice 100 or 1,000 animals to the God of Israel, Naaman would have done it immediately.**



**Yet because his request  
was easy to do and  
humbling, Naaman first  
refused.**





SO... STILL SHAKING WITH RAGE, GENERAL NAAMAN WHEELED HIS CHARIOTS AROUND AND GALLOPED FULL SPEED FOR THE JORDAN, 32 MILES AWAY. ALL THE WAY HE GRUMBLED, "THAT PROPHET HAD BETTER NOT BE MAKING A FOOL OF ME! IF THIS IS A WILD GOOSE CHASE"...



## **VII. Naaman's Healing –**

**Verse 14 “Then went he down, and dipped *himself* seven times in the 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.”**

**A. According to the saying of the man of God:**

**Naaman did exactly what Elisha told him to do.**

**Therefore we can say that each dunk in the Jordan was a step of faith, trusting in the word of God through His prophet.**



**1. Wiseman, on the ancient Hebrew word translated dipped: “Naaman ‘plunged’ in the River Jordan.**

**This signified total obedience to the divine word.”**

**2. Spurgeon saw Naaman attacked by two enemies:**

*Proud Self*, who internally demanded that Elisha come out and see him,

and *Evil Questioning*, who questioned why he should wash in the Jordan when he had better rivers back in his homeland.

**Naaman overcame  
these two enemies  
and did what God  
told him to do.**





**B. And his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean:**

**Naaman's response of faith was generously rewarded.**

**God answered his faith with total, miraculous healing.**



**1. “The simple method of this miracle, performed without the prophet there, did give God the credit.**

**It was obvious that the healing came from Yahweh rather than from the sort of magical incantation that Naaman had anticipated.” (Dilday)**





## **VIII. Naaman STANDS before the Prophet of GOD -**

**Verse 15-16 “And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him; and he said, Behold now, I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a present of thy servant. 16 But he said, As Jehovah liveth, before**



**whom I stand, I will receive none.  
And he urged him to take it; but he  
refused.”**

**A. And he returned to  
the man of God:**



OVERWHELMED WITH JOY AND GRATITUDE AT BEING HEALED INSTANTLY - MIRACULOUSLY - NAAMAN HURRIES BACK TO ELISHA TO THANK HIM - AND GIVE HIM THE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN GIFTS.

ELISHA, I MUST THANK YOU IN SOME WAY... HERE, TAKE THESE BARS OF GOLD. HELP YOURSELF TO THE FINEST SILKS IN THE WORLD. ANYTHING YOU ASK, I'LL GIVE YOU.

NO, NO GENERAL. I DON'T WANT ANY GIFTS. YOU BELIEVED WHAT GOD TOLD YOU TO DO THROUGH ME... YOU DID EXACTLY WHAT GOD SAID. NOW, THANK GOD AND ALWAYS DO WHAT HE TELLS YOU TO...





**This was a fine display of gratitude.**

**Naaman was like the one leper out of the ten Jesus healed who came back to thank Jesus (Luke 17:12-19).**

**1. Before, Naaman expected the prophet to come to him.**

**Now he returned to the man of God and stood before him.**

**B. “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel:”**

**It wasn't just the healing that persuaded Naaman of this.**



**It was the healing connected with the word of the prophet.**

**Together, this was convincing evidence to Naaman that the God Elisha represented was the true God in all the earth.**

**C. Please take a gift from your servant:**

**We can say that Naaman only meant well by this gesture.**

**He felt it was appropriate to support the ministry of this man of God whom the LORD had used so greatly to bring healing.**

**However, Elisha steadfastly insisted that he would receive nothing from Naaman.**

**Conclusion:**

**Lessons to Be Learned**



## **1. From the Nameless Maid -**

**Philippians 4:10 “I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.”**

**12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.**

**13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”**



## **2. From Naaman –**

**Proverbs 14:12 “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”**

**Proverbs 16:25 “There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”**



### **3. From the Nameless Servant -**

**James 5:20 “Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.”**

## **4. From God-**

**Luke 4:27 “And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.”**

**God sovereignly worked to bring about the (Cleansing, SALVATION of Naaman).**

# INVITATION





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## Each Step I Take

**Each step I take  
my Savior goes before me  
And with His loving hand  
He leads the way  
And with each breath  
I whisper I adore Thee  
O what joy  
to walk with Him each day**



**Each step I take  
I know that He will guide me  
To higher ground  
He ever leads me on  
Until some day  
the last step will be taken  
Each step I take  
just leads me closer home**

**At times I feel  
my faith begin to waver  
When up ahead I see  
a chasm wide  
It's then I turn  
and look up to my Savior  
I am strong  
when He is by my side**

**Each step I take  
I know that He will guide me  
To higher ground  
He ever leads me on  
Until some day  
the last step will be taken  
Each step I take  
just leads me closer home**



**I trust in God  
no matter come what may  
For life eternal is in His hand  
He holds the key  
that opens up the way  
That will lead me  
to the promised land**

**Each step I take  
I know that He will guide me  
To higher ground  
He ever leads me on  
Until some day  
the last step will be taken  
Each step I take  
just leads me closer home**

**Benediction  
&  
Fellowship**