

# The Cleansing

## 2 Kings 5:1-19

### Introduction

A world-renowned English professor once said about the story in 2 Kings 5 that this story is one of the greatest story ever written. It is a story that has all the elements of what life is all about.

This story captures the fundamental elements of being a follower of Jesus Christ.

This story first shows the world that God wants all people to be cleansed and redeemed through humble faith. Even those that are not children of Israel.

This is the story of Naaman the Syrian.

### Verses 1-3 True Faith and Love

1. Naaman was a Syrian war hero, a conqueror, a great man, and honorable man, loved by the people.
2. Nevertheless, he was a leper.
3. Leprosy reality.
4. A little maid heard of his leprosy.
5. Verse 3 Would God my Lord were with the prophet he would recover.
6. This young teenager knew the power of her God.
7. W.A. Criswell – “Sometimes mighty doors are swung on little hinges.”
8. This slave loved her enemy master.
9. She did not show bitterness but loving compassion toward her enemy.
10. We must learn that same love in our own lives.

### Verses 4-7 Worldly Thinking

1. Word got to the King of Syria.
2. The king of Syria sent him to Israel's King (Jahoram).
3. 10 talents silver/ 6,000 pieces of Gold/ 10 Changes of fine clothes.
4. Jahoram lost his mind and rent his clothes.
5. This will cause a war.
6. All human reasoning.
7. You can't buy healing.

8. You cannot get healing from a political leader.
9. Jahoram "Am I God...?"
10. Everyone needs to ask that question.

### **Verses 8-12 Simple Cleansing**

1. Tell Jahoram to stop renting his clothes send the man to me.
2. Therefore, you will know there is a prophet in Israel.
3. Go wash in Jordan.
4. Naaman was offended by the command.
5. Abana and Pharpar rivers are better than these rivers.
6. He left in a rage.

### **Verses 13-14 Humble Healing**

1. His servant convinced him to return
2. He had to humbly obey to be healed.
3. You always come to God on his terms
4. God does not come to you on your terms.
5. To have healing you must be humble.
6. He washed in the river and was cleansed.
7. You have to be cleansed and washed to be saved.

### **Verses 15-19 Bold New Life**

1. He wants to give to Elisha
2. Elisha refuses.
3. Give me earth from Israel ground.
4. When I go home, I will worship the God of Israel.
5. I am going to take my faith to my secular workplace.
6. When we are truly washed, cleansed and saved we take it back to our world.
7. We live a bold new life.

## **Conclusion**

1. Like the little teenage girl, you can change a person's life by sharing true faith.
2. There is no way to find spiritual healing through human means only God heals.
3. Cleansing and healing comes through humble faith.
4. When healing comes, you take to your world boldly.

## **Challenge**

1. You may need cleaning and washing of your sin.
2. You may need to be the bold world changer like that teenage girl.
3. You may need to pledge tonight to take your faith to your workplace boldly.