



# Humble yourself before the Lord

(PART 2 OF 2) - October 8, 2018

**2 KINGS 5:1 NKJV- (1)** 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.

Last week I mentioned that we would discover the Lord's remedy and Naaman's response to it. But first, a quick review.....Naaman either heard what the little girl said or he heard about what the little girl said in **verse (2)** and now we discover the truth.....

Naaman is lacking **'Physically.'** As mentioned earlier, he has leprosy. Naaman is lacking **'Spiritually.'** When Naaman heard what was said, he went to the king and inquired. He didn't go to the "King of King's", he went to a secular king. One who couldn't help him at all. The king made a recommendation to see the king in Israel. So Naaman packs plenty clothes and takes plenty money. All the true and living God needed was Naaman alone and Naaman would have known this if he had asked the little girl about the prophet. She was beneath him in his eyes, but she had the answer. She could have directed Naaman to the prophet. Never look down on people, they may very well be able to direct you to the truth. Yet the king of Syria sends Naaman to the king of Israel. Look at the king of Israel response in verse seven. Again, wrong king. Naaman has no relationship with the true and living God. He is going to everyone except the right one.

Naaman is lacking **'Mentally.'** Elijah heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes (angry) and Elijah ask the king to recommend Naaman to him. The king grants Elijah's request. When Naaman showed up to Elijah's house, a messenger instead came to Naaman and told him to wash in the Jordan river seven times and you shall be clean. Naaman is angry, ticked off, upset! Why? He "Believed" that the prophet should come to him and not a messenger! Why? Because I am Naaman! Does Elijah know who I am? Does he know what I have done in Syria? Who does Elijah think he is? **I AM NOT BELOW HIM, BUT ABOVE!** Naaman doesn't realize like many of us, that God holds the key. The key might be small in our eyes, nevertheless, he holds it. **"HUMBLE YOURSELVES BEFORE THE LORD."** Naaman want to be healed his way. Many of us can't experience that supernatural healing by God because the instructions we are getting for the healing is not acceptable.

Finally, Naaman humbles himself because he listens to one of his servants in **verse thirteen** and therefore, he is healed mentally and he performs the actions requested in **verse fourteen**. Not only he was healed physically, but the Bible says he had the flesh of a little child or a new born. In other words, as if his physical status never existed! Last, he is healed spiritually. Read in verse fifteen what Naaman said to the prophet once he saw him face to face. My brothers and sisters, **'HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE THE LORD AND IT IS HE WHO WILL ELEVATE YOU.'** (**James 4:10**)

**SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 SAMUEL 2:7

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** God can accomplish in a moment what would take years on your own. Seek Him and His path and watch Him open the doors to your destiny.