

Go Jump In A Lake!"

INTRODUCTION: Naaman was Captain of the Syrian Army.

2 Kings 5:1 – Naaman was a great man, but a leper.

- "Leprosy" is a picture of SIN in the Bible – Romans 3:23
- Leprosy was incurable by human means ... so is SIN.
- You can try to "*cover it up*", but only God can CURE it.

5:2 – She made the best out of a bad situation.

- Life's problems are here for a PURPOSE.
- God won't judge you by how GREAT you were.

5:3 - She knew someone who could "*cure*" Naaman.

5:4, 5:5-6 – He figured it must be the King of Israel.

1 You can't buy a "*cure*" for SIN

2 He went to the wrong person.

5:7 – The King of Israel thought it was a trap.

5:8 – Elisha knew the "*Great Physician*".

5:9-10 – This wasn't the "*treatment*" Naaman was expecting.

5:11 – Naaman had his own idea about what he wanted done.

- People have their own ideas on how to be saved.
- Few will admit they're sinful enough to go to Hell.

5:12 – WHY ... "*7 times*"? Leviticus 4:6

- There's no other way to be saved, other than God's way!

5:13 – People want to do something GREAT to be saved.

5:14 – Only God's way WORKS – Proverbs 14:12, Jn. 14:6

- Jesus, isn't the way most want to be saved – Mt. 7:13-14
- Some people only want to go "*part way*" for salvation.

CONCLUSION:

1 PRIDE ... was standing in Naaman's way.

2 It took LEPROSY to overcome his pride.

2 OBEDIENCE led him to be cleansed of his leprosy.

- If you haven't been "*changed*", then you haven't been saved.