

## OUR MISSIONARY GOD

### 2 KINGS 5

#### From Pastor Mark

Luke 4:16-30 described a shocking scene when Jesus visited the synagogue in His hometown of Nazareth. Jesus brought up the names of Elisha and Naaman; but it was not well received. The name *Elisha* meant “My God is salvation.” And the Old Testament had made clear (for example in Genesis 18:25, Psalm 96:1-3, and Jonah 4) that it was God’s plan to offer salvation to the Jew first, “*but also to the Gentiles*” of all nations.

- I. **OUR MISSIONARY GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY (5:1-5a)**
  - A. Sovereign over Significant Affairs (5:1; 1 Kings 22:1, 34-37)
  - B. Sovereign over Personal Affairs (5:1)
  - C. Sovereign over Insignificant Affairs (2-4)
  - D. Sovereign over Kingly Affairs (5:4-5a)
  - E. Our missionary God rules and can reveal Himself in unexpected ways.
  
- II. **OUR MISSIONARY GOD’S MERCY (5:5b-19a)**
  - A. God’s Mercy Comes God’s Way (5b-12)
    1. Not for Sale (5b)
    2. Not through Kings but through His Spokesman (5b-8)
    3. Not on Our Terms, but God’s (9-12)
  - B. God’s Mercy Comes by Humble Faith (13-14)
    1. More Insights from Servants (13)
    2. Trust and Obey (14a)
    3. The faith of a little child resulted in new skin like a little child. (14b)
  - C. God’s Mercy Changes People (15-19a)
    1. A Humble Man (15)
    2. A Grateful Man (16)
    3. A Changed Man (17-19a)
      1. Greater Faith in God than the King or Most in Israel.
      2. In Need of Spiritual Growth
      3. Entrusted to the Holy Spirit (19a)
  
- III. **OUR MISSIONARY GOD IS HOLY (5:19b-27)**
  - A. Gehazi’s Path to Spiritual Ruin (James 1:14-15)
    1. Lust (19b-20)
    2. Lies (21-26)
    3. Death (27)
  - B. The Judge of All the Earth Will Do Right (Gen. 18:25)

#### OUR MISSIONARY GOD AND YOU:

1. Have you humbly accepted the invitation? *Wash and be cleansed... Believe and be saved... Repent and be forgiven?*
2. Do you have God’s heart for people far from God?

**FOR NEXT TIME**—Read 2 Kings 6:1-7, *God's Power in the Ordinary*

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

1. How does the account of Naaman demonstrate that our God is a “missionary God”?
2. How does the record of Naaman in 2 Kings 5 teach us that:
  - a. God’s Mercy Comes God’s Way (5b-12)?
  - b. God’s Mercy Comes by Humble Faith (13-14)?
  - c. God’s Mercy Changes People (15-19a)?
3. In what way did you personally have to humble yourself to be saved? How did it happen in your life?
4. Read Genesis 50:20. How did the nameless girl of 2 Kings 5:2-3 have this perspective? Read Jonah 4:11. How did this girl display this perspective?
5. Who is far from God but near to you that needs a word about God?
6. Who is not in a place to even know about the true God unless you pray, give, or go?
7. Please be praying for the IBC Congregational Meeting and vote on land purchase next Sunday, October 1 at 6:30. Invite your LG to come to the Prayer Meeting on Thursday, September 29 at noon.