



**Oh Lord,
Open Our Eyes!**
Elisha

**Naaman ...
Open Our Eyes to See ...
Our Blindness to Our
Own Sinfulness!
2 Kings 5:1-19**



And for Naaman that sinfulness was faithlessness. Not simply taking Elisha at his word to do a simple thing. His servants challenged him

But I say to you, Love your enemies – Matthew 5:44

- Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man ... and in high favor
- Because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria
 - Syria was an almost constant, neighboring enemy
 - 1 Kings 20 – Syrian King lost 127k! In battle to Israel, Ahab was spared

Naaman = Pleasantness

Syria = Aram, “exalted”, 5th son of Shem,

Valor = Valiant

He seemed to have won the heart of the little Israeli girl too

[Mat 5:44-48 ESV] 44 **But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,** 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

[1Ki 20:1, 3-5, 7, 9, 13-15, 22, 25-26, 28-32, 34, 42-43 ESV] 1 **Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his army together. Thirty-two kings were with him, and horses and chariots. And he went up and closed in on Samaria and fought against it.** ... 3 "Your silver and your gold are mine; your best wives and children also are mine." 4 And the king of Israel answered, "As you say, my lord, O king, I am yours, and all that I have." 5 The messengers came again and said, "Thus says

Ben-hadad: 'I sent to you, saying, "Deliver to me your silver and your gold, your wives and your children." ... 7 Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land and said, "Mark, now, and see how this man is seeking trouble, for he sent to me for my wives and my children, and for my silver and my gold, and I did not refuse him." ... 9 So he said to the messengers of Ben-hadad, "Tell my lord the king, 'All that you first demanded of your servant I will do, but this thing I cannot do.'" And the messengers departed and brought him word again. ... **13 And behold, a prophet came near to Ahab king of Israel and said, "Thus says the LORD, Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will give it into your hand this day, and you shall know that I am the LORD."** 14 And Ahab said, "By whom?" He said, "Thus says the LORD, By the servants of the governors of the districts." Then he said, "Who shall begin the battle?" He answered, "You." 15 Then he mustered the servants of the governors of the districts, and they were 232. **And after them he mustered all the people of Israel, seven thousand.** ... 22 **Then the prophet came near to the king of Israel and said to him, "Come, strengthen yourself, and consider well what you have to do, for in the spring the king of Syria will come up against you."** ... 25 and muster an army like the army that you have lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot. Then we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they." And he listened to their voice and did so. 26 In the spring, Ben-hadad mustered the Syrians and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel. ... 28 And a man of God came near and said to the king of Israel, **"Thus says the LORD, 'Because the Syrians have said, "The LORD is a god of the hills but he is not a god of the valleys," therefore I will give all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD.'"** 29 And they encamped opposite one another seven days. **Then on the seventh day the battle was joined. And the people of Israel struck down of the Syrians 100,000 foot soldiers in one day.** 30 And the rest fled into the city of Aphek, **and the wall fell upon 27,000 men who were left. Ben-hadad also fled** and entered an inner chamber in the city. 31 And his servants said to him, "Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. Let us put sackcloth around our waists and ropes on our heads and go out to the king of Israel. Perhaps he will spare your life." 32 So they tied sackcloth around their waists and put ropes on their heads and went to the king of Israel and said, "Your servant Ben-hadad says, 'Please, let me live.'" And he said, "Does he still live? He is my brother." ... 34 And Ben-hadad said to him, "The cities that my father took from your father I will restore, and you may establish bazaars for yourself in Damascus, as my father did in Samaria." And **Ahab said, "I will let you go on these terms." So he made a covenant with him and let him go.** ... 42 **And he said to him, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have let go out of your hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore your life shall be for his life, and your people for his people.'"** 43 **And the king of Israel went to his house vexed and sullen and came to Samaria.** (Al says there has Never been a battle where 100,000 were killed in 1 day!)

[2Ki 6:8, 11, 23-24 ESV] 8 Once when the king of Syria was warring against Israel,

he took counsel with his servants, saying, "At such and such a place shall be my camp." ... 11 And the mind of the king of Syria was greatly troubled because of this thing, and he called his servants and said to them, "**Will you not show me who of us is for the king of Israel?**" ... 23 So he prepared for them a great feast, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. **And the Syrians did not come again on raids into the land of Israel.**
24 Afterward Ben-hadad king of Syria mustered his entire army and went up and besieged Samaria.

[2Ki 7:4-6 ESV] 4 If we say, 'Let us enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. So now come, let us go over to the camp of the Syrians. If they spare our lives we shall live, and if they kill us we shall but die." 5 So they arose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians. But when they came to the edge of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there was no one there. 6 For the Lord had made the army of the Syrians hear the sound of chariots and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to come against us."

God has Always cared for/about Gentiles too!

But he was a Leper? He must have been either such a Profound and effective Warrior (risking contaminating the entire Syrian army!!) or who would enjoin a Leper in battle, quite effective armor!

Judges 3:1-4 – *"Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to test Israel by them (that is, all who had not experienced any of the wars of Canaan; 2 only in order that the generations of the sons of Israel might be taught war, those who had not experienced it formerly). 3 These nations are: the five lords of the Philistines and all the Canaanites and the Sidonians and the Hivites who lived in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal-hermon as far as Lebo-hamath. 4 They were for testing Israel, to find out if they would obey the commandments of the LORD, which He had commanded their fathers through Moses."*

[1Ki 18:37 ESV] 37 Answer me, O LORD, answer me, **that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God**, and that you have turned their hearts back."

[1Ki 20:13, 28 ESV] 13 And behold, a prophet came near to Ahab king of Israel and said, "Thus says the LORD, Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will give it into your hand this day, **and you shall know that I am the LORD.**" ... 28 And a man of God came near and said to the king of Israel, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because the Syrians have said, "**The LORD is a god of the hills but he is not a god of the valleys,**" therefore I will give all this great multitude into your hand, and **you shall know that I am the LORD.**"

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 - 2 Kings 6 – the next 2 chapters, Syria attacks Israel!

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- He was a mighty man of valor
- But he was a leper. ??? Yet allowed around others?



Leprosy & Sin



- ⇒ Leprosy **DEEPENS** Every Minute - Lev. 13:3 [So does sin!]
- ⇒ Leprosy **DISSEMINATES** Everywhere - Lev. 13:7 [So does sin!]
- ⇒ Leprosy **DEFILES** Everything - Lev. 13:44-46 [So does sin!]
- ⇒ Leprosy **DIVIDES** Everyone - Lev. 13:46 [So does sin!]
- ⇒ Leprosy **DETERMINES** Extermination - Lev. 13:52 [So does sin!]

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Leprosy...So does Sin!

Deepens

Disseminates

Defiles

Divides

Determines

[Lev 13:45-46 ESV] 45 "The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.' 46 He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.

[Lev 13:47 ESV] 47 "When there is a case of leprous disease in a garment, whether a woolen or a linen garment, [Lev 13:52 ESV] 52 And he shall burn the garment, or the warp or the woof, the wool or the linen, or any article made of skin that is diseased, for it is a persistent leprous disease. It shall be burned in the fire. [Lev 13:55 ESV] 55 And the priest shall examine the diseased thing after it has been washed. And if the appearance of the diseased area has not changed, though the disease has not spread, it is unclean. You shall burn it in the fire, whether the

rot is on the back or on the front.

[Lev 13:56-57 ESV] 56 "But if the priest examines, and if the diseased area has faded after it has been washed, he shall tear it out of the garment or the skin or the warp or the woof. 57 Then if it appears again in the garment, in the warp or the woof, or in any article made of skin, **it is spreading**. You shall burn with fire whatever has the disease.

[Lev 13:51 ESV] 51 Then he shall examine the disease on the seventh day. If the disease has spread in the garment, in the warp or the woof, or in the skin, whatever be the use of the skin, **the disease is a persistent leprous disease; it is unclean.**
(Persistent)

Leprosy? Hansens disease

- Leprosy is rare and mostly outside the US, curable now!
- Leviticus 13 – Leprosy is a picture of sin
 - Pronounce him unclean, “Unclean, Unclean” – vs 35
 - Unclean also refers to food (unkosher) Sin & Evil spirits
 - The disease ‘spreads’, contaminates, deforms and kills!

PPE's Personal protective Equipment

While rare in the US, it is more prevalent in countries like Brazil, India, and Indonesia, as well as parts of Africa. The disease is a neglected tropical disease and is still present in over 120 countries.

https://www.leprosymission.org/what-is-leprosy/does-leprosy-still-exist/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=14871600469

[Num 5:2-4 ESV] 2 "Command the people of Israel that they put out of the camp everyone who is leprous or has a discharge and everyone who is unclean through contact with the dead. 3 You shall put out both male and female, **putting them outside the camp**, that they may not defile their camp, in the midst of which I dwell." 4 And the people of Israel did so, and put them outside the camp; as the LORD said to Moses, so the people of Israel did.

Unclean 98x in Lev.

[Lev 13:45 ESV] 45 "The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.'

[Lev 5:2-3 ESV] 2 or if anyone touches an unclean thing, whether a carcass of an

unclean wild animal or a carcass of unclean livestock or a carcass of unclean swarming things, and it is hidden from him and he has become unclean, and he realizes his guilt; 3 or if he touches human uncleanness, of whatever sort the uncleanness may be with which one becomes unclean, and it is hidden from him, when he comes to know it, and realizes his guilt;

[Lev 10:10 ESV] 10 You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean,

[Lev 11:4, 7 ESV] 4 Nevertheless, among those that chew the cud or part the hoof, you shall not eat these: The camel, because it chews the cud but does not part the hoof, is unclean to you. ... 7 And the pig, because it parts the hoof and is cloven-footed but does not chew the cud, is unclean to you.

[Act 10:14, 28 ESV] 14 But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." ... 28 And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.

[Rom 14:14 ESV] 14 I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.

[1Co 7:14 ESV] 14 For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

[2Co 6:17 ESV] 17 Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you,

[Isa 64:6 ESV] 6 **We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.**

[Lam 4:15 ESV] 15 **"Away! Unclean!" people cried at them. "Away! Away! Do not touch!" So they became fugitives and wanderers; people said among the nations, "They shall stay with us no longer."**

[Luk 5:8 ESV] 8 But **when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."**

Leprosy? Hansens disease

- It teaches us how to relate to others, Aids, Covid, Flu...
 - Integrated – bare hands, Work & Crowds/Events
 - Insulated – wear gloves, Trusted gatherings
 - Isolated – use tools, Close friends



Leprosy – A Picture of Sin

Leviticus 13



Lepers. “Am I God? To cure Leprosy”?!

- Moses – 2nd of 3 tests, Did Moses tell it?
- Miriam – Numbers 12 – A Leper for 7 days, Why? B&W
- Uzziah – 2 Chronicles 26, Isaiah 6
- Naaman – A Syrian/enemy! – 2 Kings 5, Luke 4

Only 3 lepers were reported healed until Jesus!

2Ki 5:5-8 And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." 7 **And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."** 8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, **that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.**"

[2Ki 7:3 ESV] 3 **Now there were four men who were lepers at the entrance to the gate. And they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die?"**

[Exo 4:6-13 ESV] 6 Again, the LORD said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." And he put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous like snow. 7 Then God said, "Put your hand back inside your cloak." So he

put his hand back inside his cloak, and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. 8 "If they will not believe you," God said, "or listen to the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. 9 If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground." 10 But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue." 11 Then the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak." 13 But he said, "Oh, my Lord, please send someone else."

[Num 12:1, 4, 6-16 ESV] 1 Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman. ... 4 And suddenly the LORD said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting." And the three of them came out. ... 6 And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. 7 Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. 8 With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?" 9 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them, and he departed. 10 When the cloud removed from over the tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, like snow. And Aaron turned toward Miriam, and behold, she was leprous. 11 And Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord, do not punish us because we have done foolishly and have sinned. 12 Let her not be as one dead, whose flesh is half eaten away when he comes out of his mother's womb." 13 And Moses cried to the LORD, "O God, please heal her--please." 14 But the LORD said to Moses, "If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be shamed seven days? Let her be shut outside the camp seven days, and after that she may be brought in again." 15 So Miriam was shut outside the camp seven days, and the people did not set out on the march till Miriam was brought in again. 16 After that the people set out from Hazeroth, and camped in the wilderness of Paran.

[Jer 13:23 ESV] 23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then also you can do good who are accustomed to do evil.

[2Ch 26:3-5, 7, 16-23 ESV] 3 Uzziah was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. 4 And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 5 He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God, and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper. ... 7 God helped him against the Philistines and against the Arabians who lived in Gurbaal and against the Meunites. ... 16 But when he was strong, he grew proud, to his destruction. For he was unfaithful to the LORD his God and entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense. 17 But

Azariah the priest went in after him, with eighty priests of the LORD who were men of valor, 18 and they withstood King Uzziah and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honor from the LORD God." 19 Then Uzziah was angry. Now he had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the LORD, by the altar of incense. 20 And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead! And they rushed him out quickly, and he himself hurried to go out, because the LORD had struck him. 21 And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death, and being a leper lived in a separate house, for he was excluded from the house of the LORD. And Jotham his son was over the king's household, governing the people of the land. 22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz wrote. 23 And Uzziah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the burial field that belonged to the kings, for they said, "He is a leper." And Jotham his son reigned in his place.

[Isa 6:1, 3 ESV] 1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ... 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

King David Had Leprosy? According to Talmudic tradition, after King David sinned with [Bathsheba](#), he was punished with *tzaraat* for six months. As a consequence, the Sanhedrin abandoned him, and the Shechinah (Divine Presence) left him as well.¹⁶

https://www.chabad.org/parshah/article_cdo/aid/4347485/jewish/8-Lepers-in-the-Bible-and-Midrash.htm

Lepers. “Am I God? To cure Leprosy”?!

- Gehazi – Elisha’s servant! Like Moses’ punishment?
- 4 Lepers in Samaria – 2 Kings 7:3 – lepers at the entrance to the gate





Yes, leprosy can cause a loss of feeling, including the sensation of pain, due to nerve damage. While it can lead to a decreased ability to sense pain, leprosy can also cause pain, particularly during reactions or due to nerve damage. Google AI

[Isa 6:10 NIV] 10 **Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.**"

[Mat 13:15 NIV] 15 For **this people's heart has become calloused**; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

[Act 28:27 NIV] 27 For **this people's heart has become calloused**; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

[1Ti 4:2 NIV] 2 Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, **whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.**

Jesus touched Lepers!

- 1 Leper, Jesus touched him! – Matthew 8:2-4
- 10 Lepers, only 1 returned (Samaritan)
– Luke 17:11-19
- Matthew 10:8 – “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.” (Jesus empowered the disciples)

[Luk 17:11-19 ESV] 11 On the way to Jerusalem he was **passing along between Samaria and Galilee**. 12 And as he entered a village, **he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance** 13 **and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."** 14 **When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.** 15 Then **one of them**, when he **saw that he was healed**, turned back, **praising God with a loud voice**; 16 **and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.** 17 Then **Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?"** 18 **Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"** 19 And he said to him, **"Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."**

Jesus healed lepers at least twice in the Bible. One instance involves a single leper, while the other involves ten lepers.

The first healing is recorded in [Matthew 8:2-4](#), [Mark 1:40-45](#), and [Luke 5:12-16](#).

The second healing, involving ten lepers, is found in [Luke 17:12-19](#).

Heb 13:11-13 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. 12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the

people through his own blood. 13 Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

Num 5:1-4 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Command the people of Israel that they put out of the camp everyone who is leprous or has a discharge and everyone who is unclean through contact with the dead. 3 You shall put out both male and female, putting them outside the camp, that they may not defile their camp, in the midst of which I dwell." 4 And the people of Israel did so, and put them outside the camp; as the LORD said to Moses, so the people of Israel did.

Put out of the Camp! Jesus was too, on our behalf!

Jesus touched Lepers!

- Hebrews 13:12 – So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.





**Even good apples spoil when put in a barrel of rotten ones!
But Jesus will reverse the Curse!**

What must people have said, did they GASP?!!!

How long before youd let him come home?

Jesus marveled...No one in Israel such faith

- Jesus goes to Nazareth! No Prophet is accepted ...
- Luke 4:26 – and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.
- Luke 4:27 – “And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

3 Roman Centurions (1 who had such faith, not even Israel had it!) and 2 Foreign Women! The Samaritan Woman Jn.4 SyroPhoenician woman with demon possessed daughter, **Great is your Faith!**

Jesus points us to 2 faithful believers, OUTSIDE Israel, when Israel refused to believe! NONE of them BUT...

[**Luk 4:20-30** ESV] 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 22 **And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth.** And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" 23 And he said to them, "**Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.'**" What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." 24 And he said, "**Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.**

25 **But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, 26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27**

And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."

28 When they heard these things, **all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.** 29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. 30 But passing through their midst, he went away.

[Mat 8:8 ESV] 8 But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. [Mat 8:10 ESV] 10 When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.

[Mat 27:54 When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

[Luk 23:47 ESV] 47 Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!"

[Act 10:1, 22 ESV] 1 At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, ... 22 And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say."

[Act 22:26 ESV] 26 When the centurion heard this, he went to the tribune and said to him, "What are you about to do? For this man is a Roman citizen."

[Act 27:1, 11, 43 ESV] 1 And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort named Julius. ... 11 But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. ... 43 But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land,

Old Testament gentile, Non Jewish believers, **8 clear Examples**

Jethro – Ex.18

Rahab Josh 2

Gibeonites? Josh 9

Shamgar? Judg.3:9

Jael? Judges 4-5, a Kentic/Canaanite

Ruth the Moabitess

ObedEdom, Philistine from Gath 2Sam.6

Uriah, Hittite 2Sam.11

Queen of Sheba 1Ki.10

Widow of Zarephath 1Ki.17, Lk.4.26

Sailors of Jonah Jon.1:16

City of Nineveh Jon.3

Cyrus

[Mar 7:26 ESV] 26 Now the woman was **a Gentile, a Syrophenician (Tyre and Sidon)** by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

[Mar 7:28-29 But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." 29 And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter."

[Mat 15:22 ESV] 22 And behold, **a Canaanite woman from that region** came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." "**Great is your faith**", he affirms (15:28)

[Mar 3:8 ESV] 8 and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him.

[Mar 7:24, 31 ESV] 24 And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ... 31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

Jesus marveled...No one in Israel such faith

- At least 8 Old Testament Gentiles who believed!





Again we see Miracles are merely a means to an end – the Message!! And The Message is about Jesus!!

They received the miracle and were blessed by it, but only 1 Was Saved!

A little 'Israeli' girl

- The Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel,
- She said to her mistress, “**Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.**”



The evangelistic Israeli slave girl

It seems Likely the Lord worked in her to bring about this miracle.

But the 1st Miracle was a love for her enslaver!

[2Ki 5:2-3 ESV] 2 Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

AI Overview

60,000 grams of gold (**150pds of gold**, Logos, **\$4.8 Million**) would be worth approximately **\$6,772,800 USD**, based on the current spot price of gold at \$112.88 per gram [on gold avenue](#).

750 pounds of silver is worth approximately \$30,443.25 at the current spot price of \$1.23 per gram.

A little 'Israeli' girl

- So Naaman went in and told his lord!
- Taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels (grams) of gold (\$6,772,800 USD)





Did the Wife ever touch Naaman before this? She was still with him!!

You can't earn, buy or deserve God's grace!

- Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."
- Why was Naaman Angry?
- The gospel seems too simple, easy or unfair?

Naaman, a Warrior with Chariots and horse shows up in Power, brings great profits and Elisha sends a messenger, outside the door of his house! Protection or humbling or...?

The gospel is counterintuitive! Its not how we would do it!! "All you have to do is...."

2Ki 5:10-14 ESV] 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."
11 **But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?"** So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 **But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"** 14 So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

[2Ki 5:15 ESV] 15 Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant."

[2Ki 5:16 ESV] 16 But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused.

2Ki 5:17 Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.

[2Ki 5:18 ESV] 18 In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter."

[1Pe 1:7, 19 ESV] 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith--more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ... [1Pe 1:18 ESV] 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

[Rom 5:15-17 ESV] 15 But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. 16 And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. 17 For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

[Rom 6:23 ESV] 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

You can't earn, buy or deserve God's grace!

- The gospel isn't cheap; it's a lavish, undeserved gift!
- It requires humility; faith and repentance
- Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.





Gehazi gone crazy

- "As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him." (that's what Mom said last week)
- Naaman said "Is all well?", "All is well. My master has sent me to say ...



[2Ki 5:20 ESV] 20 Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand what he brought. As the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him."

Liar!! X2

[1Ki 22:14 ESV] 14 But Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I will speak."

[2Ki 2:2, 4, 6 ESV] 2 And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ... 4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ... 6 Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

[2Ki 4:30 ESV] 30 Then the mother of the child said, "As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So he arose and followed her.

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Elisha said AS THE LORD LIVES many times, including NOT leaving Elijah. Gehazi does the Opposite!! And saying as the Lord lives?!

Gehazi gone crazy

- “Where have you been, Gehazi?” And he said, “Your servant went nowhere.”
- 2 Kings 5:27 – Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and to your descendants forever.” So he went out from his presence a leper, like snow.





**“Behold, now I know that
there is no God in all the
earth, but in Israel: now
therefore, I pray thee, take
a blessing of thy servant.”
(2 Kings 5:15)**

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[2Ki 5:8 ESV] 8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, **that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.**"

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We don't hear from or about Naaman again? Did He die, get persecuted for standing with the Lord?

Lord, Open our Eyes to see ...

- God's Grace is for ALL the Human Race! Enemies too!
- Sola Fide – Faith Alone! It is simple but Lavish
- A little Israeli girl with a big heart! Share the gospel!
- Sin is like Leprosy and Leaven – it spreads!

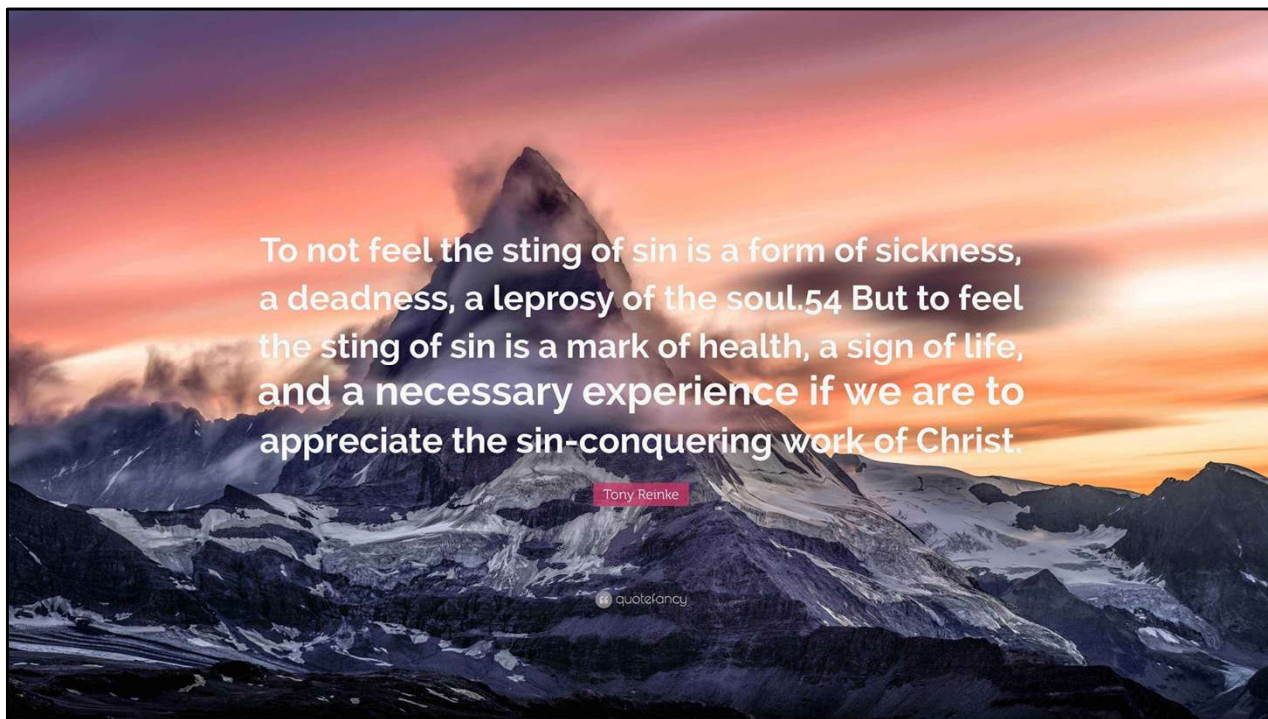


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Lord, Open our Eyes to see ...

- Jesus was taken outside the camp! For us!
- Jesus used Naaman to condemn ethnic pride!
- Not gold or silver but the Precious blood of Christ!





To not feel the sting of sin is a form of sickness, a deadness, a leprosy of the soul.⁵⁴ But to feel the sting of sin is a mark of health, a sign of life, and a necessary experience if we are to appreciate the sin-conquering work of Christ.

Tony Reinke

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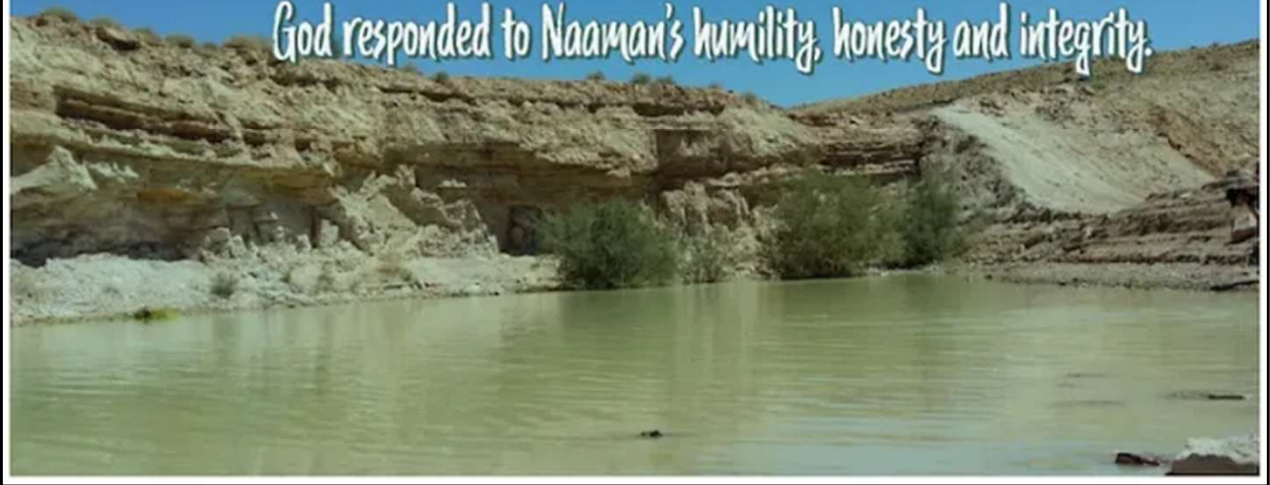


LEPROSY
FACT VS FICTION

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✓ LEPROSY CAUSES NERVE DAMAGE IN FINGERS & TOES WHICH RESULTS IN NUMBNESS.	✗ LEPROSY MAKES FINGERS & TOES FALL OFF.
✓ LEPROSY IS CURABLE USING MDT.	✗ THERE IS CURRENTLY NO CURE FOR LEPROSY.
✓ IT'S TRANSMITTED THROUGH CLOSE & PROLONGED CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WITH THE DISEASE THAT HASN'T BEEN TREATED.	✗ LEPROSY IS TRANSMITTED EASILY THROUGH TOUCH & YOU CAN GET IT FROM SHAKING A PERSON'S HAND.
✓ 1 IN 2 PERSONS AFFECTED BY LEPROSY EXPERIENCE DEPRESSION OR ANXIETY.	✗ LEPROSY IS A PHYSICAL DISEASE & HAS NO EFFECT ON MENTAL HEALTH.

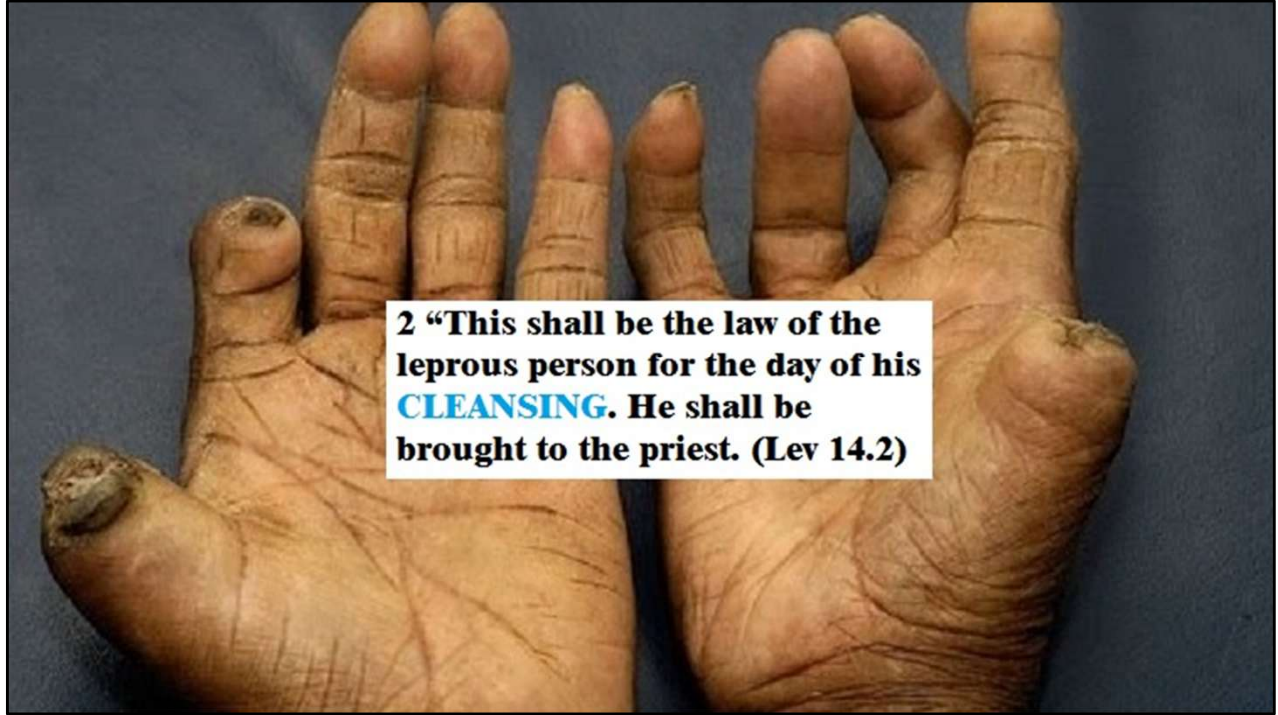
*The Jordan River didn't cleanse Naaman,
God responded to Naaman's humility, honesty and integrity.*











2 “This shall be the law of the leprous person for the day of his **CLEANSING. He shall be brought to the priest. (Lev 14.2)**







Luke 17:11-19 NASB1995

Be grateful to God.

Be like the leper who came back to thank Jesus.
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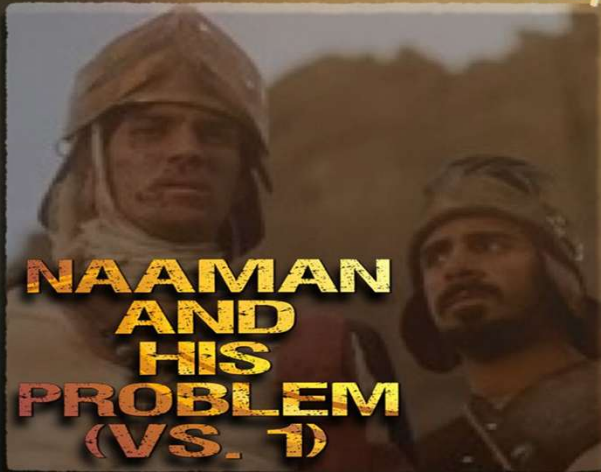
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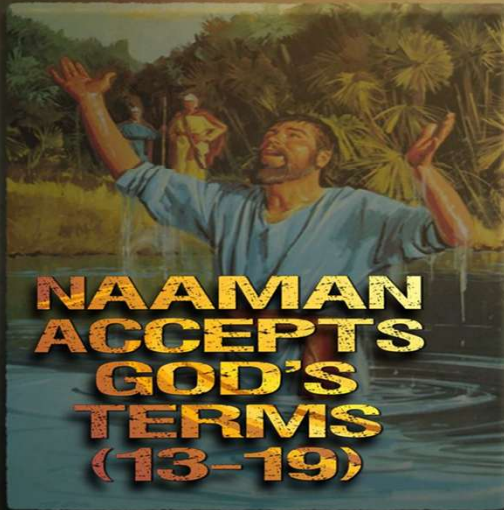
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- His problem - *a Leper.*

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Lessons From The Healing of Naaman The Leper



- Naaman is approached by his servants - *"If the prophet had told you to do some great thing would you not have done it?"* – (13)
- Naaman humbles himself, obeys God's instructions & receives God's gift of being healed – (14)

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Lessons From The Healing of Naaman The Leper



- Sin, like leprosy in Bible times, is incurable by man –
- Sin, like leprosy, is loathsome & defiling –
- Sin, like leprosy, causes separation –
- Sin, like leprosy, unless cured - causes death -

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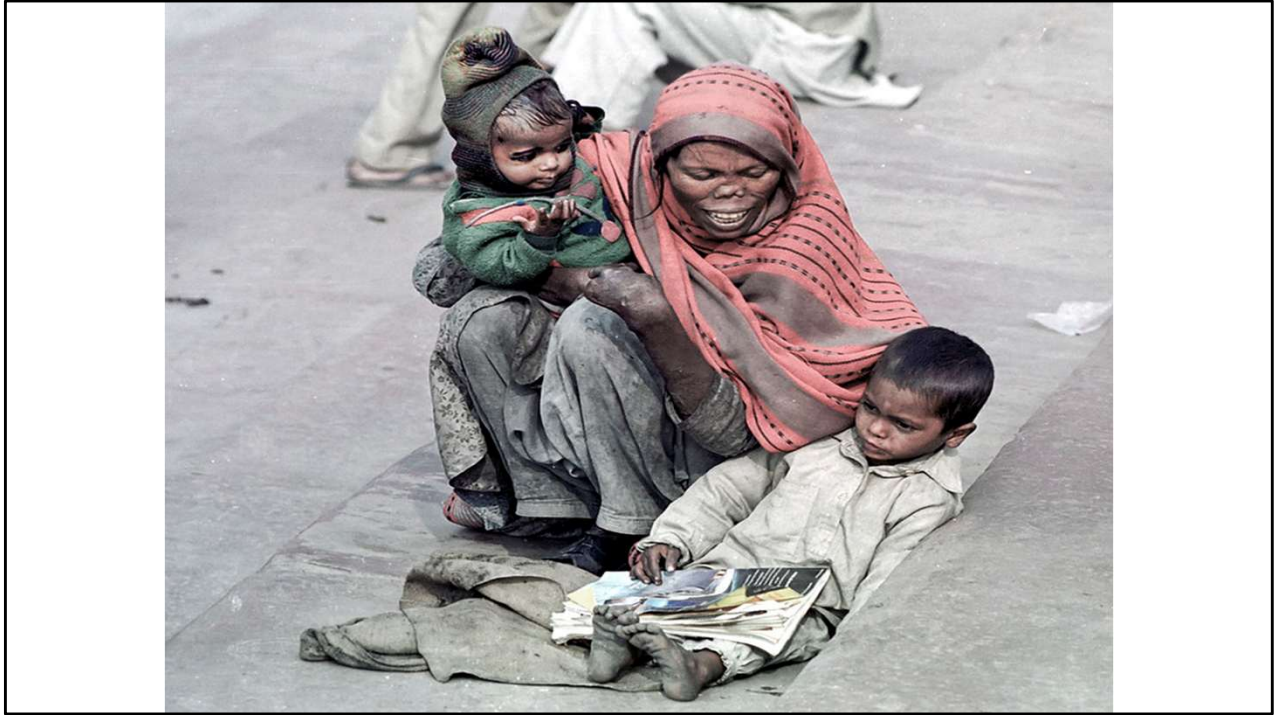
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C. Leprosy & sin compared.

Leprosy is <u>ugly</u>	Sin is <u>ugly</u>
Leprosy is <u>separation</u> from society	Sin is <u>separation</u> from God
Leprosy: fellowship is restored when the priest declares him “all <u>white</u> ”.	Divine deliverance comes as the Lord’s blood washes us “ <u>white</u> as snow”! - Revelation 7:9-14

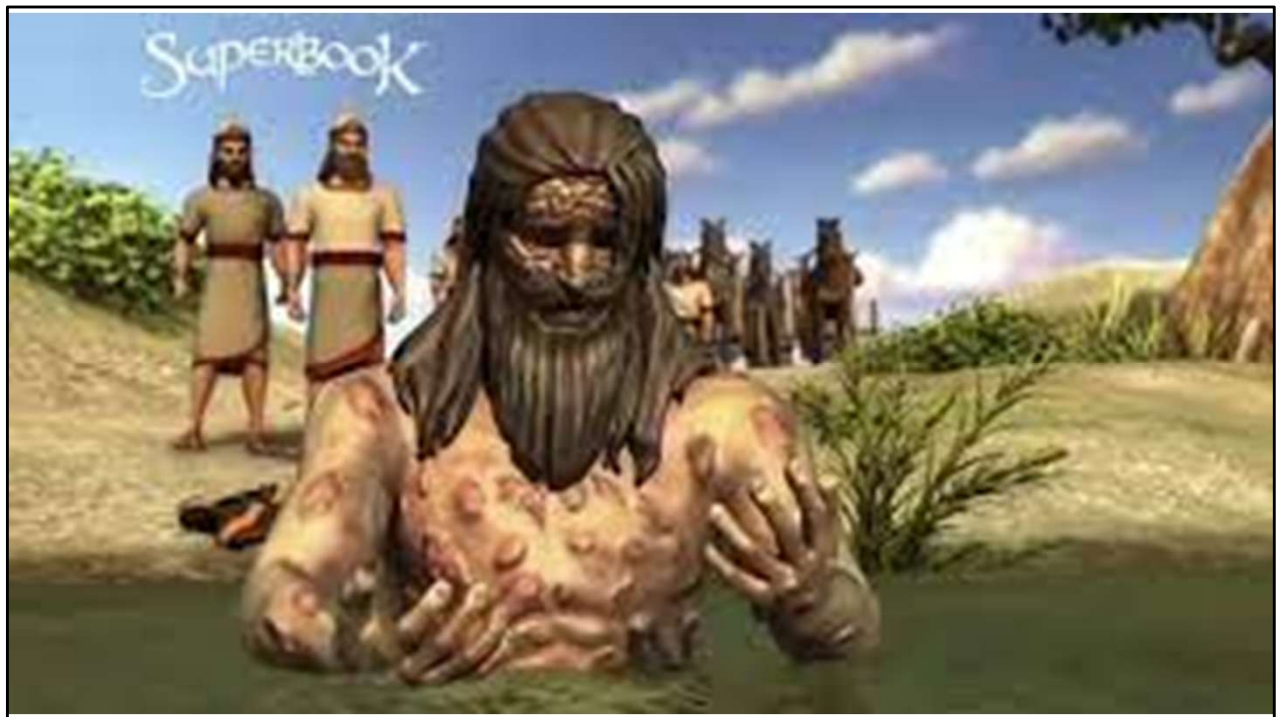




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NHÂN VẬT KINH THÁNH

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Naaman is Healed