



# 2 Kings 5

## Naaman



**1 Kings 22:34** “Now a certain man drew his bow at random and struck the king of Israel in a joint of the armor.”

**Antiquities 8:15** “And when they sought to kill Ahab alone, but could not find him, there was a young nobleman belonging to king Benhadad, whose name was **Naaman**; he drew his bow against the enemy, and wounded the king through his breastplate, in his lungs.”



# “Behold I thought...”

- **Preconceived ideas**
  - 11 “...‘He will surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God...”
  - God wanted Naaman to know salvation was not in Elisha.
  - 11 “...and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.’
  - God wanted Naaman to know it was not by putting on a great show/performance.



# “Behold I thought...”

- **Preconceived ideas**
  - **2 Tim. 4:3-4** “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.”
  - **1 Thess. 5:21-22** “But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil.”
  - **Matt. 10:37** “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”



# “Behold I thought...”

- **A Better Solution**
  - 12 “Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?”
  - God wanted Naaman to know salvation wasn’t because of the type of water.

# “Behold I thought...”

- **A Better Solution**

- **Prov. 14:12** “There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.”
- **Col. 2:6-8** “Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8 See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.”
- **Heb. 2:1** “For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.”





# “Behold I thought...”

- **Emotion - Anger**
  - 11 “But Naaman was furious and went away...”
  - 12 “So he turned and went away in a rage.”
  - **James 1:20** “...for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.”



# “Behold I thought...”

- **Cleansing**
  - 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.”
  - **Eph. 3:20** “Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or understand (think)...”





# “Behold I thought...”

- **Cleansing**
  - **Rom. 5:8-9** “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. “
  - **Rom. 8:32** “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”



# “Behold I thought...”

- **Cleansing**
  - **2 Peter 3:9** “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”
  - “13 Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, “My father, had the prophet told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”