

A FAITH LIKE NAAMAN'S

2Ki.5:1-14

TEXT:

- :1 the man
- :2-4 the message
- :5-7 the mission
- :8-14 the meeting
 - Elisha's offer :8
 - Naaman's arrival :9
 - Elisha's message :10
 - Naaman's response :11-12
 - Servants's advice :13
 - Naaman's obedience and healing :14

LESSONS FROM THE TEXT

Frailty of man.

Rich, powerful, and good are not independent of God (who is over all).

Description of strong, simple faith: "He will cure."

Such faith commended by Lord. Mat.8:5-10

Not to render evil for evil. Pro.20:22, Rom.12:17

Earthly wisdom: retaliate.

Such does not serve God's purpose. Jam.1:20

Powerful men do not control men of God.

Only exercise civil authority. Act.5:29 (can kill the body only)

Some things cannot be bought. Cf. Act.8:18-20

Corrupt attempts by rulers, penances, indulgences, etc.

Not to question God's methods and actions.

Such is presumptuous. Rom.9:20

Not on equal plane. Isa.55:8-9

Note danger of "I think." (preconceived notions)

Don't let simplicity of Gospel become a stumbling block.

Gospel runs counter to human wisdom. 1Co.1:18-21

"Why Jordan?" compare with "Why immersion?"

Obedience produces results.

LESSONS CONCERNING OUR (SOUL) HEALING:

Cannot save self: need Lord Jesus' grace & power.

Cannot "buy" it with good life, good works.

Can only have it by faith. Eph.2:8

A faith like Naaman.

Must accept its simple terms and commands without question:

Mar.16:16, Act.2:38, 22:16, etc.

Our future is in His hands. Act.10:42

PARTING QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE A FAITH LIKE NAAMAN'S?

If you do, it will move you to do what the Lord says.

Without question, just simple faith!

A FAITH THAT SAVES!