

April: 14

Naaman who was healed of Leprosy

Scripture to read: 2Kings 5:9-18

So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and waited at the door of Elisha's house. But Elisha sent a messenger out to him with this message: "Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored, and you will be healed of your leprosy." But Naaman became angry and stalked away. "I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!" he said. "I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the Lord his God and heal me! Aren't the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn't I wash in them and be healed?" So Naaman turned and went away in a rage. But his officers tried to reason with him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn't you have done it? So, you should certainly obey him when he says simply, 'Go and wash and be cured!' So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and he was healed!



After Naaman was healed he came back to see Elisha and praise God. Naaman said, "Now I know that there is no God in the entire world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant." But Elisha replied, "As surely as the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will not accept any gifts." Little ones, what did you understand from today's lesson? Naaman was healed because he obeyed what Elisha told him to do. Yes children, even if we obey the word of God and walk according to it, we can live a peaceful and happy life. Why did Elisha forbid taking the offering? It was the Lord who healed Naaman and delivered him, so Elisha humbly denied taking the offering. All the Lord requires is a person's change of heart. Receiving Jesus Christ as their personal savior alone will bring him happiness.

The Lord is my light and my salvation— so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble? Psalms 27:01

Prayer:

Jehovah God, we praise you. Lord who is the same yesterday today and forever, please forgive our sins Father. We will live as obedient children. Amen

