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The Greed of Gehazi

Scripture to read: 2 Kings 5:20-27

Though Naaman urged Elisha the prophet to take the gift, he refused. Naaman said, from now on I will never again offer burnt offerings or sacrifices to any other god except the Lord and returned to his nation. Gehazi the servant of Elisha who was watching all these, lusted for the gifts that Naaman had and ran to meet up with Naaman. When Naaman saw Gehazi running after him, he asked "Is everything all right?" "Yes," Gehazi said, "but my master has sent me to tell you that two young prophets from the hill country of Ephraim have just arrived. He would like 75 pounds of silver and two sets of clothing to give to them." "By all means take twice as much silver, Naaman insisted. He gave him two sets of clothing. When he went in to his master, Elisha asked him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" he lied saying "I haven't been anywhere."



What little ones, are you excited to know what would have happened next? Elisha saw Gehazi and not only told that he ran after Naaman and received the gift but also told that Gehazi and his descendants will suffer from Naaman's leprosy forever." When Gehazi left the room, he was covered with leprosy; his skin was white as snow. Is it not pitiable when we think of Gehazi? Though he saw the miracles that Elisha performed with his own eyes, he did not trust in the Lord, which was the reason for such a pathetic state of his. What was Gehazi's fault? 1. He lied 2. He lusted (greedy) for materialistic things. Children, we should be careful by not committing such sins. In your school if you find any pen or pencil that is fallen down which belongs to others, you should find out to whom that belongs to and give it back to them. In case if you sin unknowingly, you should not hide it but accept it. If Gehazi would have spoken the truth to Elisha and asked forgiveness he would have survived.

Greed brings grief to the whole family, but those who hate bribes will live. Proverbs 15:27

Prayer

Righteous God, all glory and honor belongs to you alone. We will seek after they imperishable Love rather than lusting for perishable things. Amen

