

Repaying Goodness for Evil

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-16

How will you feel when you are separated from your parents, relatives and friends and taken as a slave to a place of unknown people and unknown language? For sure you will hate life.

A slave has no freedom for himself. He has to work and keep on working. His food, clothing and wages cannot be demanded from his master. This small girl was taken as a slave from Israel to the land of Syria. Naaman, the one who enslaved this girl had leprosy.

In those days, leprosy was a deadly disease. It had no cure. Those who had leprosy were separated from people and kept away from the society. What would've been your thought when in such a situation? You might've said, "Isn't he the one who separated me from my family and enslaved me? He deserves this and even more."

This girl had known God and the power of His might. She told her mistress as to how the master could be healed. There is so much of hesitation in us to speak about God to a person who knows not God and time just passes by. But this small girl spoke to her mistress and led her master to the healing he desperately needed. Though none sought her for help, she herself decided to help others. She repaid goodness for evil. It is the devil's character to repay evil for good, but those who have known Christ will do good for evil. Can you do good to those who intended evil against you?

Questions:

- 1) What was the problem of Naaman?
- 2) What did the girl do?
- 3) Who will do good even to those who intended evil against them?