

Unfaithful Servant

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 5:15-27

Today's world has so much drifted away from virtue that it cannot comprehend the true meaning of faithfulness. Naaman's leprosy was healed and he therefore wished to present some gifts to Elisha. But Elisha was very clear that he would not receive any gifts. Gehazi, the servant of Elisha somehow wanted to receive from those gifts. He went to Naaman and used the name of Elisha to take for himself some of the gifts Naaman had brought. He then took those gifts, kept it in his house and returned to Elisha. Knowing that which Gehazi had done, Elisha inquired Gehazi of his whereabouts and Gehazi lied to the man of God.

Gehazi, not being cautious of the position in which God had placed him, sinned by giving himself to the lusts of his flesh. Elisha therefore said to him that he and his generation shall have over them the leprosy that was on Naaman. He was immediately struck with leprosy. His unfaithfulness and the desire for riches were the reason behind his leprosy.

When Elisha was the servant of Elijah, he was completely faithful to him. Elisha followed Elijah after forsaking all his riches. He thus received a double portion of anointing that was on Elijah. If Gehazi would've been faithful like Elisha, he would've ministered with four times greater anointing than Elijah. He lost this great blessing just because of desiring mean gains.

How faithful are you? You will lose the opportunity that God gives if you seek the things of this earth that will destroy someday rather than seeking that which is above and eternal.

Questions:

1. Why did Elisha receive a double portion of Elijah's anointing?
2. Why did Gehazi fail to receive the double portion from Elisha?
3. What should we seek?