

Scripture to read: 2 Kings 5:15-27

Gehazi's deceit and his greed for things

Then Naaman and his entire party went back to find the man of God. They stood before him, and 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." Naaman told Elisha may the LORD pardon me in this one thing: When my master the king goes into the temple of the god Rimmon to worship there and leans on my arm, may the LORD pardon me when I bow, too." "Go in peace," Elisha said. So Naaman started home again. Gehazi who was watching all these, lusted for the gifts and wanted to get some of it from Naaman. Gehazi chased after Naaman and told him 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.

Question:

Did Elisha come to know about this greedy act of Gehazi or not?

Answer:

Gehazi hid the gifts that he took it from Naaman inside the house and stood before Elisha. Elisha asked him, "Where have you been, Gehazi?" he replied. "I haven't been anywhere," and lied again. Elisha told exactly about the silver and clothes that Gehazi brought from Naaman. Not only this Elisha also told him because you have done this, you and your descendants will suffer from Naaman's leprosy forever." When Gehazi left the room, he was covered with leprosy.

Children, did you notice the pitiable state of Gehazi. Sometimes we might speak a lie and get away from people. But you can never get away from God because he is watching and listening to you. So always speak the truth. We should never sell our talents that the Lord has blessed us with. We should always rejoice in helping others. Elisha did not help Naaman for money or for any gifts. He always considered it as his duty to fulfill the needs of the people who come to him trusting in God. Let's have

faith that our God who meets the needs and requirements of the other people is able to meet our needs as well.

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

Prayer:

Holy God, Who doesn't lie, we too will live like you by speaking the truth always. We will live as Children who will not be greedy nor lust after money. Amen