

Reading: 2 Kings Chapter 5

Naaman was a Captain of the King of Syria's Army. He was a very important man, probably next to the King. Naaman had an unpleasant skin disease, called Leprosy. If people had it badly, they had to go away and live alone. In Naaman's case it may have been confined to a small part of his body or have been in its early stages. This is why he was still allowed to remain as a Captain of the King's Army.

The people of Syria disobeyed God and worshipped idols. So God had permitted the Syrians to make raids against the Israelites and to take some of them captive. They took away captive a little maid, and she waited on Naaman's wife.

Now the little maid had heard of a prophet called Elisha a man of God, who lived in Samaria and had performed miracles in Israel. So Naaman travelled to Samaria to see Elisha. Elisha sent a message to Naaman through his messengers to go and wash in the River Jordan seven times and his skin would be clean again from the Leprosy. Elisha didn't speak to Naaman himself because the law of the land (given by God) was that a leper should always live alone and anyone who touched a leper would be unclean.

At first Naaman wouldn't go and wash seven times in the River Jordan but his servants persuaded him to do it. So he went to the River Jordan and dipped seven times and his skin became clean again, he was free of leprosy.

Point to remember:- God is pleased with us when we listen and obey Him, even in simple things.