

# ELISHA

*the Miracle Prophet*



# Along comes Naaman – Ch 5

- Naaman – Captain, “great man”, highly respected – Lord given victory, valiant
- But, a leper! (Aram=Syrians)
  - How can one word change everything?
  - Has this every happened to you?
  - One event? One failure? One loss?

# God's Hand

- A captive girl from Israel – served his wife
- Compassion – I wish he were with the prophet of Samaria, he would cure him!
- How did she know where, if... what risk!
- And for a non-Jew hater of Israel???

# Naaman and the king

- The king hears and writes to Israel's king
  - Why would he want this man healed?
  - Money and clothing “that you may cure”
  - “Am I God...”
  - But Elisha hears...

# Why tear your clothes...

- Elisha's word!
  - Let him come to me...
  - He shall know there is a prophet (8)
- Naaman comes to the house
  - General, important, powerful... a servant?

# The Word of Elisha

- No prayer, no sermon, no payment!
- “Go, and wash in the Jordan...”
  - 7 times for restored and clean flesh
- Naaman is “furious”
  - Expectations of sinners... religious acts...
  - “cure the leper” not cure “me”???

# Better waters!

- The rivers of Damascus are better!
- Couldn't I wash in them... rage! (12)
  - Our way, our resources, our methods...
  - Obedience is required... humble
  - "some great thing..."

# The Heart choice

- How much more...
  - He dips 7 times!
  - flesh restored, “he was clean”
- He returns to “the man of God” 50 extra miles!
  - “now, I know” no God but in Israel!
  - Please take a .....



# Elisha takes nothing

- “As the Lord lives...”
- Naaman takes something! Dirt?
  - God of Israel... needs soil of Israel
  - Pardon for Rimmon (sun god) serving king
- Go in peace!

# I want something...

- Gehazi plots...
  - “spared this Naaman the Aramean”
  - “as the Lord lives”???
  - Don’t blame God!
  - Halts the chariot “My master sent me...”
  - For one of the sons of the prophets...
  - What price sin?

# Price of sin

- 2 talents of silver, clothing – help to carry
  - 15-20 K plus the fine (sets) clothing
  - Hides them in the house
- “where have you been?” nowhere...
- “Did not my heart...”

# Greed's curse

- Is it time? For worldly stuff – Kingdom work
  - Fast of worldly possessions...
  - Gehazi saw the wrong “riches”
- “leprosy of Naaman shall cleave to you”
  - Descendants too!
  - Out of his presence....