

2 Kings 5 Elisha and Naaman Lesson 22

As the stories that focus on the ministry of Elisha continue, we come to a change. Up to this point Elisha had been meeting the needs within Israel. With the account of Naaman, it showed that God's power and concern for people extended outside of Israel -- even to the Gentiles.

Naaman

1. Using 2 Kings 5:1 as your reference:
 - Who was Naaman?

 - How was he viewed by his master?

 - What was his major accomplishment?

 - How was he described militarily?

 - What was his physical condition?

2. How does the Bible describe a person with this condition? (Numbers 12:10-12)

3. What information is given about the young girl in verse 2?

4. What does the young girl say and to whom? (vs. 3)

5. From her statement, what do you learn about her?

6. Naaman spoke to his master (the king) about what the young girl had said. How did the king respond to this unusual information? (vs. 4-5b)

- 7. When Naaman left, what did he take with him? (vs. 5c & 6)

- 8. Arriving in Samaria, Naaman presented these to the king of Israel. What do you think Naaman anticipated?

- 9. How did the king of Israel respond to the letter? (vs. 7)

- 10. The testimony of God’s power began with the girl and went from person to person until it finally reached the king of Israel. Using verses 3 – 7, fill in the chart below:

Person	How They Responded To the Information
Young Girl	
King of Israel	

- 11. One additional person heard--the prophet Elisha. How did Elisha find out about Naaman and what was his response? (vs. 8)

- 12. Try to put yourself in Naaman’s place. What do you think he was thinking and/or feeling as he went to Elisha’s house? (vs. 9)

- 13. How was he “received” when he finally arrived? (vs. 10)

14. Why did it say that Naaman was offended by this? (vs. 11-12)

15. From these last few verses, what do you learn about Naaman and where his focus was?

16. Naaman hadn't received what he had expected and was ready to go home mad. How was his heart softened? (vs. 13)

17. What did Naaman do then, and what was the result? (vs. 14)

18. What miracle did God perform on Naaman's behalf?

19. At this point, Naaman could have gone home. After all, he'd gotten what he came for; but he didn't go right home. What did he do first? (vs. 15)

20. When Naaman offered a gift to Elisha for healing him, Elisha refused repeatedly. What final request did Naaman make of Elisha and what was his reason? (vs. 16-18)

21. How did Elisha answer him? (vs. 19a)

22. Naaman and his men headed home to Aram. But, who had been present during the conversations and what was he thinking? (vs. 19b, 20)

23. What took place next? (vs. 21-24)

24. By whose authority did he say he was coming to Naaman? (vs. 22)

25. What do you learn about him from these verses?

26. How did his greed lead him from one sin to another? (vs. 25, 26)

27. How did his punishment fit the crime? (vs. 27)