"NOTABLE NAAMAN'S NEED"


1. A Need. Naaman was notable. He had success and honor, but he still had a great need, to be healed of leprosy.

(See: Verse #1)

2. An Answer. The vessel was Elisha.

(See: Verses #2 & #3)

3. Man's Plan. The king of Syria wrote a letter to the king of Israel, to see if he could help Naaman get healed.

(See: Verses #4, #5, #6, #7)

4. God's Plan. Elisha heard of the inquiry to the king of Israel, and responded in faith. (#8) ..."let him come to me and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." THE MUDDY JORDON! (#10) NOT WHAT NAAMAN EXPECTED!

(vs. #11, #12) Naaman was offended!

(See: Verses #8, #9, #10)

NOTE: God will often use a unique way to get His work accomplished. He will pick the most unlikely people and circumstances to confirm what He has already spoken to your heart.

6. Pure Obedience. Partial obedience is DISobedience! (I Sam. 15:22 - "... to obey is better than sacrifice..." (vs. #23) "... for rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness as iniquity and idolatry...")

NOTE: Naaman did EXACTLY what the man of God (Elisha) told him to do. We have the Word of God in its complete form today. In the O.T. the Word of God was not completed, Jesus was not revealed. God speaks mainly through His Word and uses His people and circumstances to confirm what His Word and Spirit is trying to reveal to you."

(Naaman) "... went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordon, according to the saying of the man of God..."

(See: Verse #14)

James 2:26 - "... so faith without works is dead also." James 1:22 - "But be ye DOERS of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

7. Big Results.

(See: II Kings 5:14(b) "... and his (Naaman's) flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean."

NOTE: This story is also a spiritual type of being "born again". It's not using man's method to heaven, but God's. It's not earning or buying it, but obeying and doing what the Word says!

Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you and expected end."