

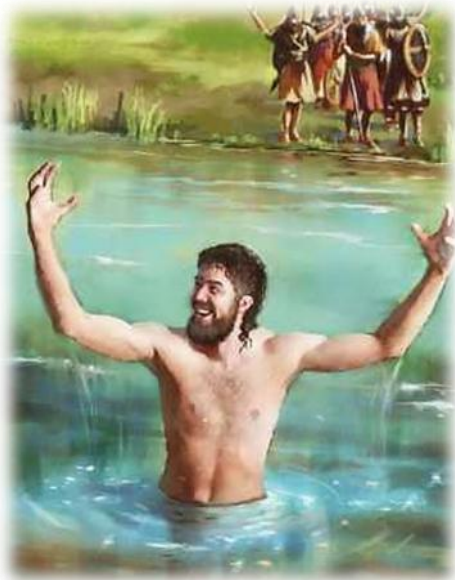
## *A Conversion And A Curse* II Kings 5

### ***Conversion of an “outsider” . . . it’s all about grace! 5:1-19***

- ◆ Aram (Syrians) = Israel’s frequent enemy in Kings (I Kgs. 20, 22).
- ◆ Naaman’s leprosy (generic term) was “white” (5:27) as in Ex.4:7, Num. 12:10, and thus probably vitiligo. See Lev. 13,14 for leprosy.
- ◆ Why is this little girl so concerned for her captor?
- ◆ Why the stubborn ignorance by King Jehoram? (see 1:2,6)
- ◆ Why does Naaman feel insulted? How is his response like many?
- ◆ A spiritual transformation follows the physical, as 5x in 15-18 he calls himself “your servant.” New worldview = YHWH alone!
- ◆ Is Elisha too soft on Naaman (no “lordship demand” in 18,19)?

### ***Curse upon an “insider” . . . it’s all about greed! 5:20-27***

- ◆ Contrast Elisha (vs.16, *As the Lord lives...*) with Gehazi (vs. 20).
- ◆ Gehazi’s curse for obscuring grace could be worse--Gal. 1:9.



Is Gehazi’s greed rare?  
Do folks sometimes seek  
to mix greed with God’s  
good news? See I Tim.  
6:5b.

How does Jesus see this  
story as applicable to His  
situation in His hometown  
(Lk. 4:27). How might it  
apply to us?