

Psalter 113 v 4, Read 2 Kings 5:1-19, Psalter 140 v 1-4, Psalter 280v 3,4.
Psalter 312 v 3,4

- “They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick”.
Matt 9:12
- These simple words the Lord Jesus spoke to the people, so that even the children present could understand.
- But we also need to know the spiritual purpose of these words, to know the way of conversion and the exercises of spiritual life.
- Our text we are going to dwell upon at this time is 2 Kings 5:14 where God’s Word reads,
- *“Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.”*

NAAMAN THE SYRIAN

1. The disease of Naaman
2. The recovery of Naaman
3. The gratitude of Naaman

1. The disease of Naaman

- In order to convince the Jews of their unbelief, Jesus spoke to them about Naaman being cleansed, therefore these things are very instructive for us as well. We all know with historical faith that there is a Saviour Who can save to the uttermost, but who in our midst has a true need for Him?
- There are “buts” in our life, as there was in Naaman’s life.
- The “crook in the lot.”
- We can only be healed by a miracle done by a gracious and an Almighty God. As long as things are not cut off, we belong to those people who are whole and do not need a Physician.

2. The Recovery of Naaman

- The way Naaman was healed typifies the cleansing of sinners.
- The young maid is an example to us all.
- Do we remain silent in places where we should speak and defend the truth and honour of God?

- Naaman brought a letter from his king to the king of Israel, so Naaman leprosy (sickness) was made a public matter, so that God's name would be glorified.
- Elisha, a "man of God"
- As a prophet, Elisha understood what was going on and he said "let him come now to me and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel" (v8)
- Naaman became wroth. He was angry. He had other "thoughts" how he must be healed, but it turned out otherwise.
- The Lord lets "servants: speak to us.
- "Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God."

3. The Gratitude of Naaman

- "And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company." (v15)
- So he returned, and he believed. He confessed that there was no other God than the God of Israel.
- Naaman wanted to give some money, but Elisha would not take it.
- The benefits Naaman received brought him to gratitude. His heart was filled with love in return and with thankfulness. "what shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits bestowed upon me?"
- We are all spiritual lepers. Do we believe it?
- Leprosy doesn't stand still.
- The truth must be preached in such a way that absolutely nothing of you is left and that you come to your wits' end and cry, "God be merciful to me a sinner."
- Christ is the "great Physician."