

These are very rough notes, used by Pastor Powell.

Introduction: Bad time in Israel.

Ahab Jezebel Israel Baal worship, days of Elijah

Jehoshaphat; King of Judah, Compromiser

Elijah gone to heaven

Ahab had died at Ramoth Gilead and his son Joram or Jehoram reined. Bad apple. House of Ahab intermarried with Jehoshaphat to the near ruin of Judah and Israel.

The Heroes

1. Naaman; Luke 4. Stood for the election in the mind of Jesus.

Honorable. Soldiers were treated in an honorable way.

Matt. 8; Acts 27:43; Acts 10

See 2 Kings 5:1 honorable and blessed of God.

Leprosy: Hansen's Disease. Terrible curse in Bible times. Unclean. Considered a direct act of God and could be diagnosed only by the priest under the law and pronounced cured by the priest.

Not terrible contagious nowadays, I understand and not nearly as common as it once was.

Became a symbol for God's curse upon man and sin and misery.

II. Little maid. Most nations lived by assault and theft in those days, preying upon their neighbors for goods and slaves. She was just a little girl and she doesn't even have a name. But she believed in the God of Israel and the prophet Elisha. Great testimony. No revengeful spirit or hatred or malice. Seeking the good of all.

III. Elisha the prophet. We will back to him. The man of God.

IV. Naaman’s Servants. Blessed is the man who has wise counsellors and is given a heart to listen to them.

The Others

The King of Syria: Behadad

The King of Israel: Joram, son of Ahab and Jezebel Bad dude
Gehazi, servant of Elisha. Greedy of gain.

The Lessons

You do not get to choose how the Lord delivers you from your sin and misery. You may have to dip in a dirty river.

The Lord knows how to abase the pride of His chosen ones and humble them before Himself.

How great the testimony of this little girl, place in the proper time and place for benefit of Naaman. What a great witness to the entire nation of Syria.

Discern the times: These were desperate times in Israel.
Shame of Gehazi for seeking his own and bringing disgrace upon the prophet, as though he were greedy of gain.

How great is the God of Israel, giving a witness to his people that his arm was not shortened nor his ear heavy, but it was sin that had brought misery upon them.