

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of December 1, 2024

### THEME: "Naaman"

#### THE LEPER

**Sunday ..... Read II Kings 5:1-8**

*"Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper."* It is good to notice the hand of God in this account from the history of Israel, God's chosen nation. We see how God intervened on behalf of both His own people, and those who were strangers to the faith. We can see the reality of those words in John 3:16: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* In this account, God used a little Jewish girl of faith to witness to a general in the army of the Syrians. That military man was stricken with leprosy. The little girl testified of her faith in God, that her God could provide healing! The leper believed and was restored to full health!

#### TRIALS

**Monday ..... Read Acts 14:20-23**

*"Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."*

God's people are not immune from trials and tribulations. As a matter of fact, believers can expect trials! We must understand that God and His people have a powerful enemy; Satan. Satanic attacks as we are warned in I Peter 5:8: *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."* The joy of that is this, as expressed in I John 5:4: *"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."* The troubles we experience from trials are opportunities for triumph. Nothing is too hard for God! Nothing escapes His eye! He can use the difficulties to bring glory to Himself and His people.

#### THE REMEDY

**Tuesday ..... Read Matthew 25:34-40**

*"Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."* God is omnipresent. He is there at the times of worship; and He is there for His people in the times of trouble. God is a God of love and wants to fulfill our needs. That is the promise of Philippians 4:19: *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* That truth applies to all our needs, physical, mental, social, financial, spiritual. We simply need to call on Him by faith to do His will for His glory. We always should say as

our Savior said in Luke 22:42: *"Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."* God's will is the best way!

### **A MESSENGER**

**Wednesday .....Read II Corinthians 5:17-20**

*"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."* It is interesting that God used a little girl to be His ambassador for His eternal kingdom from His throne in heaven. That is how God is getting His Word out to others. Many times in the Old Testament in the Gospels, God sent angels to deliver His message. Now in the Church Age, God's relying on born-again believers to share His truth. He has empowered His people with the Holy Spirit to bring His message to others. That is the truth of Acts 1:8: *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*

### **DIRECTIONS**

**Thursday .....Read Psalm 119:104-106**

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* God told Naaman to wash in the Jordan River. Naaman hesitated at first thinking he could do the same in another river. What an example of the warning in Proverbs 14:12: *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."* God does not want us to do things in the way we think but He wants us to do His will His way. To do that and have God's blessing, we must read His Word and follow His instructions as advised in II Timothy 3:16: *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."*

### **A MIRACLE**

**Friday ..... Read Titus 3:1-5**

*"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."* Naaman was blessed by a miracle of God by His healing from leprosy. The truth is that every believer has been the beneficiary of a miracle of God at the moment of their salvation. When a sinner repents and asks Jesus to come into his or her heart, they are the beneficiary of a miracle of God, the miracle of regeneration. Their dead spirit comes alive, and they are given a personal God-consciousness. The Holy Spirit indwells their body.

### **ETERNAL LIFE**

**Saturday .....Read Luke 10:20-22**

*“Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.”* The heart of Naaman was filled with joy when he was healed from his leprosy. He experienced a whole new life when he was freed from that horrible disease. How much greater when a sinner is freed from spiritual death to spiritual life! There is a book in heaven called the Lamb’s Book of Life. We read of that in Revelation 21:27: *“And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.”*