



ELIJAH & ELISHA

Lessons In Faith



LESSON 11

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¹Now 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.*



2 Kings 5

“²And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman’s wife.”



2 Kings 5

“³And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.”



This little Israelite maid who was a captive and a slave knew of the power of God. Possibly she had heard or even seen the miracles of Elisha. But, she had never heard of him healing leprosy.

Luke 4:27

“And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.”

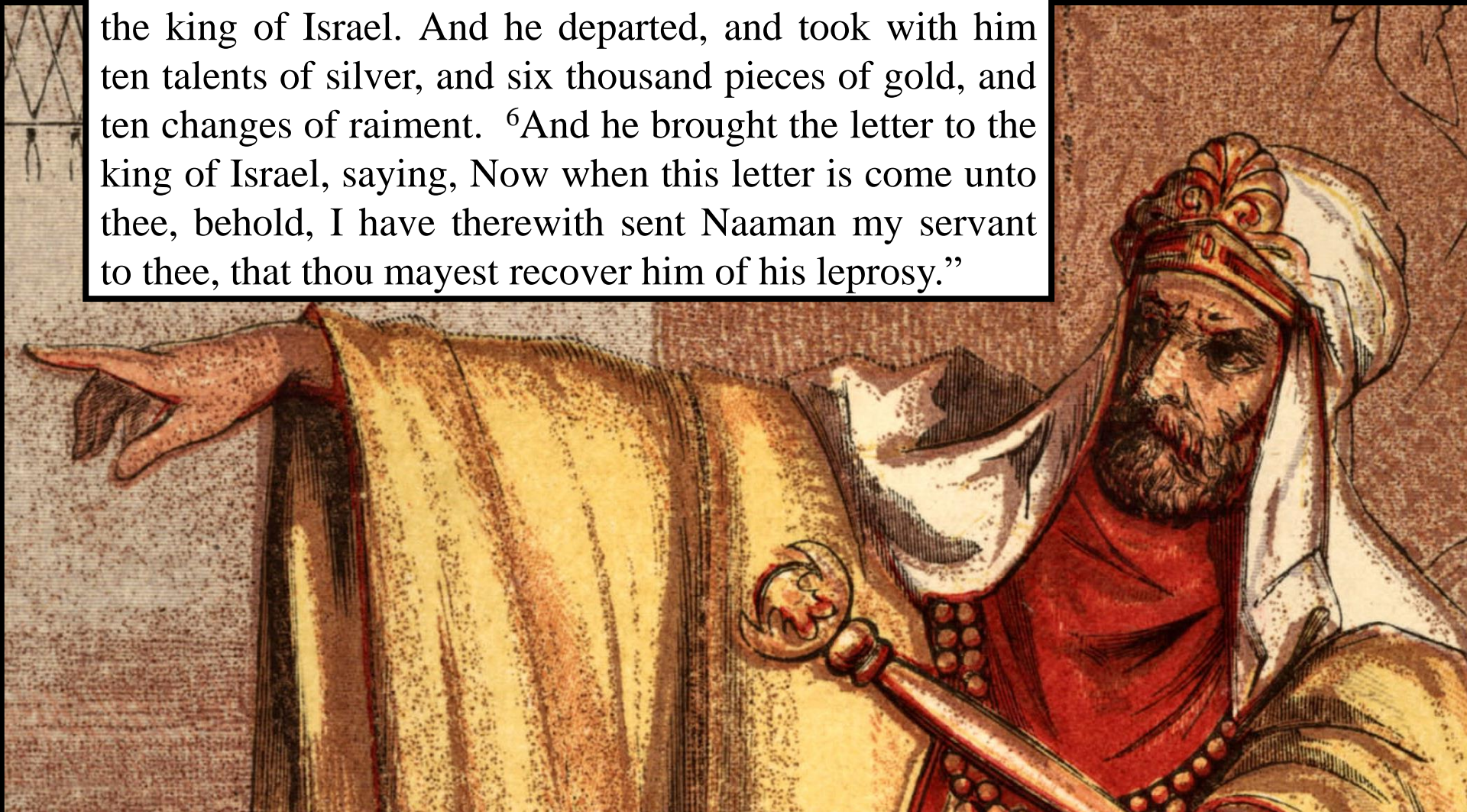


When the King of Syria heard that the maid said she knew of a prophet in Israel that could heal Naaman's leprosy, instead of looking for the prophet, he sent a letter to the King of Israel asking for *him* to heal Naaman!



2 Kings 5

“⁴And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel. ⁵And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment. ⁶And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have therewith sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy.”



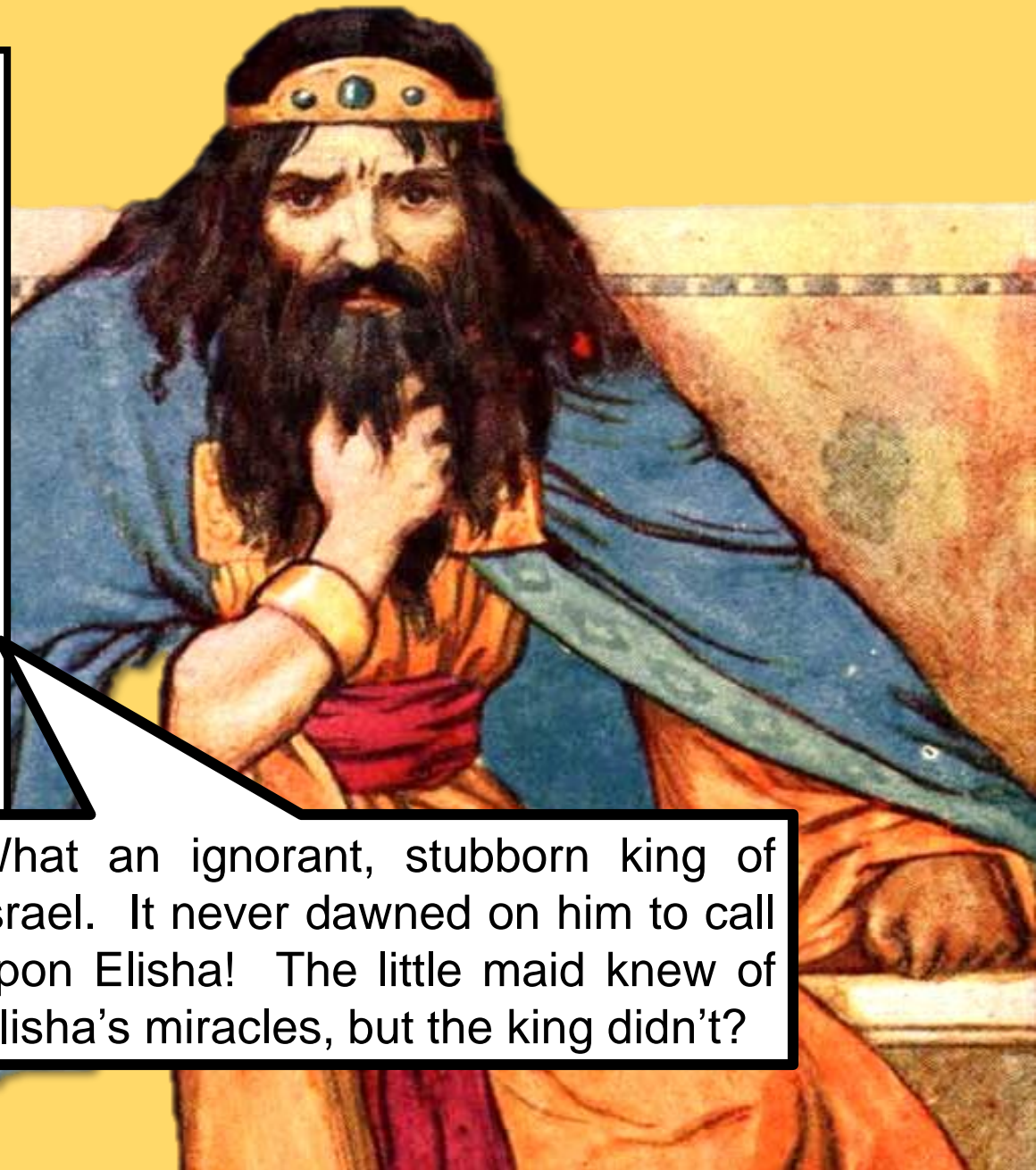
Well, the King of Israel was terrified. The captain of his enemy's army shows up with ten talents of silver, six thousand pieces of gold, ten changes of raiment, and a letter from the King of Syria saying, heal this man of leprosy!



2 Kings 5

“⁷And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.”

What an ignorant, stubborn king of Israel. It never dawned on him to call upon Elisha! The little maid knew of Elisha's miracles, but the king didn't?



2 Kings 5

“⁸And it was so, when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.”



2 Kings 5

“¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.
¹¹But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.”



2 Kings 5

“¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.”



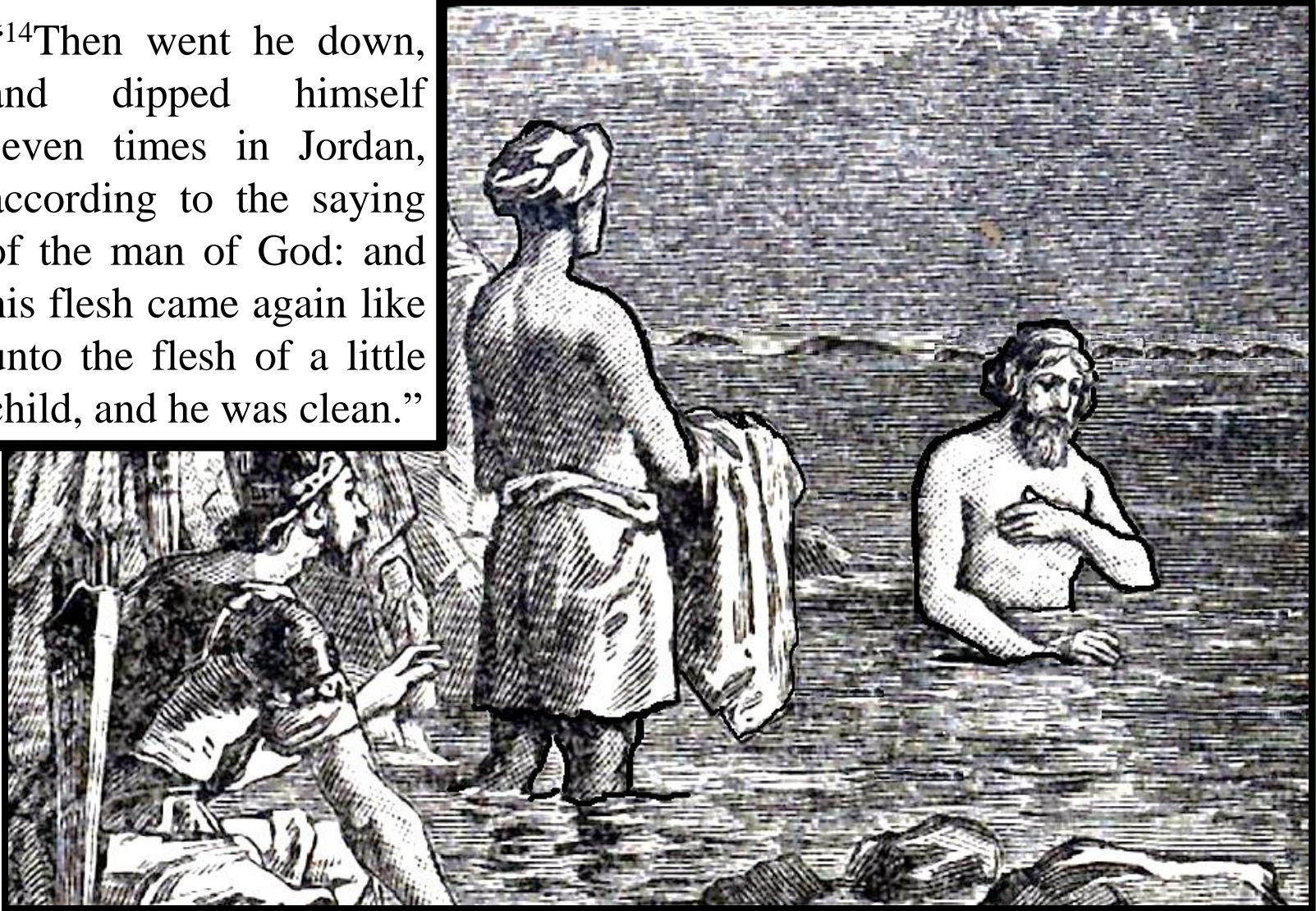
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“¹³And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?”



2 Kings 5

“¹⁴Then 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 returned to Elisha to show his gratitude with gifts.

Elisha refused to be rewarded, for it was not he that had healed Naaman but God.



2 Kings 5

“¹⁵And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

¹⁶But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.”



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“¹⁷And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules’ burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.”



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“¹⁸In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing. ¹⁹And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.”

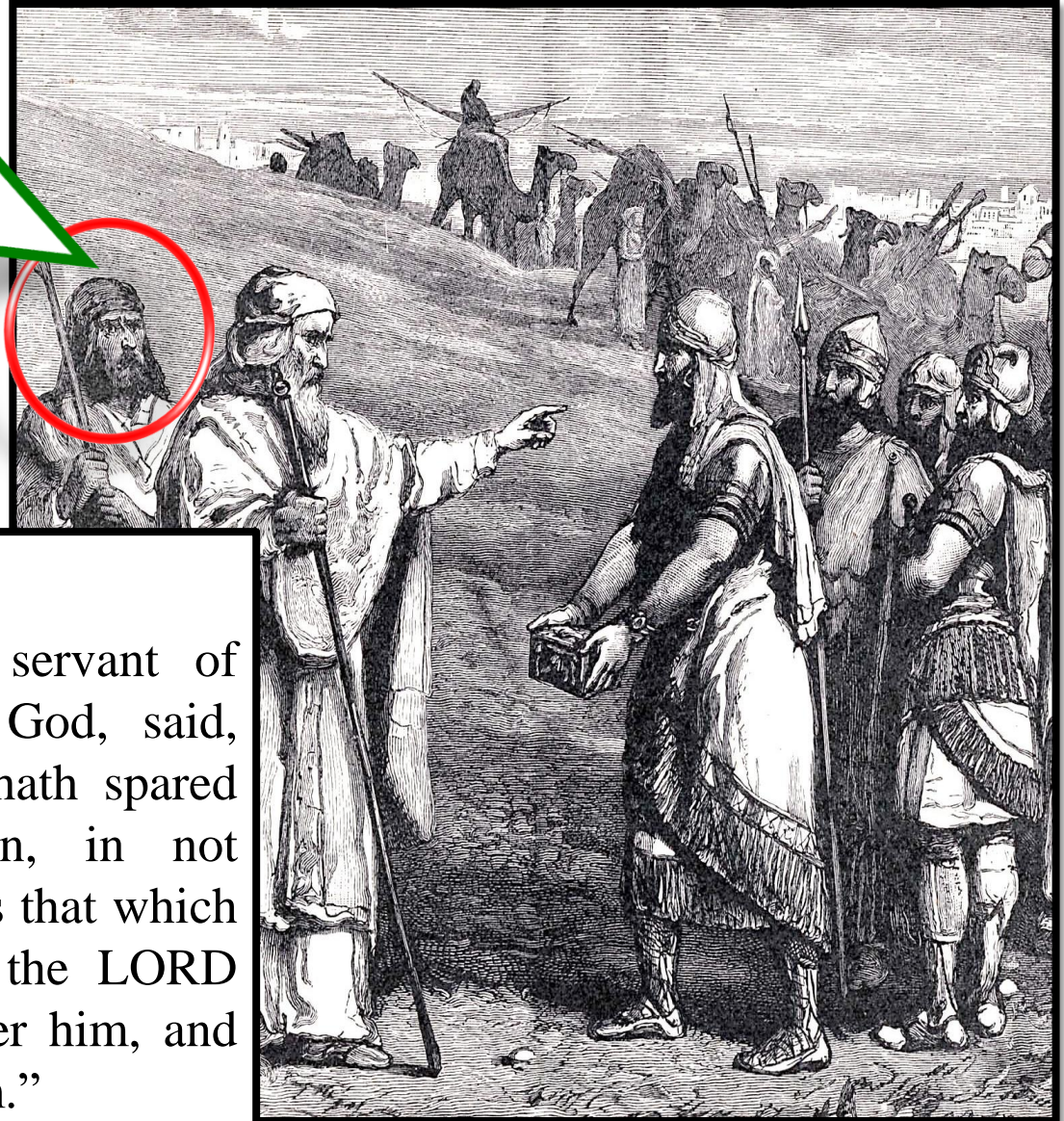


Naaman told Elisha he now believed in God, but in his ignorance and zealousness he *over-did it* and offered to make an altar of the soil there as if it were now holy. Then he *under-did it* by saying, he would bow to his false god Rimmon in honor of his healing.

Elisha told him simply to go in peace.



Gehazi thought Elisha should have taken the expensive gifts from Naaman but said nothing.



2 Kings 5

“²⁰But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.”

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GEHAZI'S LIE

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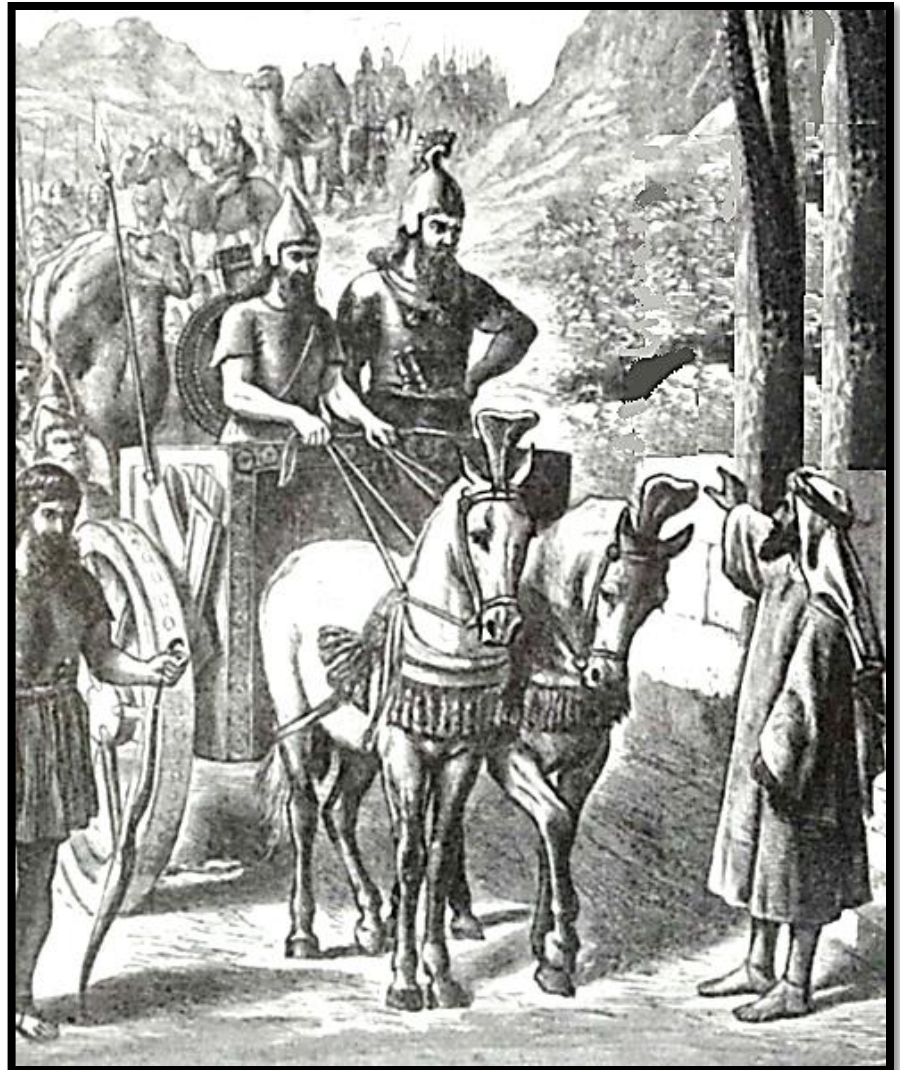
He **coveted** the treasures Naaman had offered to Elisha.

He **lied** and said Elisha had sent him.

He **invented** a story that Elisha wanted 2 sons of the prophets to receive the gifts.

He **hid** what he had taken from Naaman.

He **lied** to Elisha when asked where he had been.



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“²¹So **Gehazi followed after Naaman**. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well?

²²And he said, All is well. Behold, even now the Syrian captain Naaman because he coveted.

²³And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him.

²⁴And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.”

2 Kings 5

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Then Gehazi lied and invented a story.

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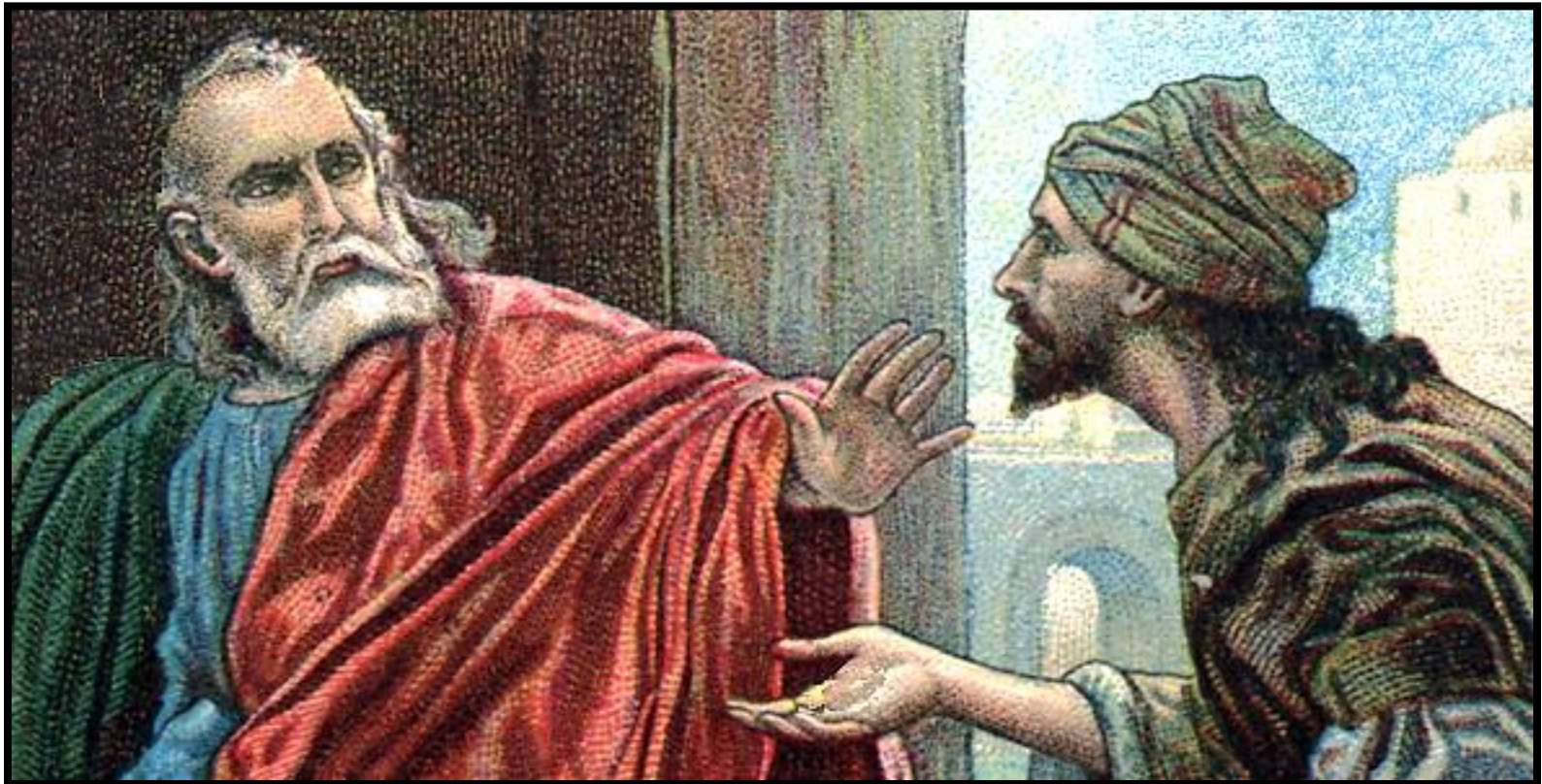
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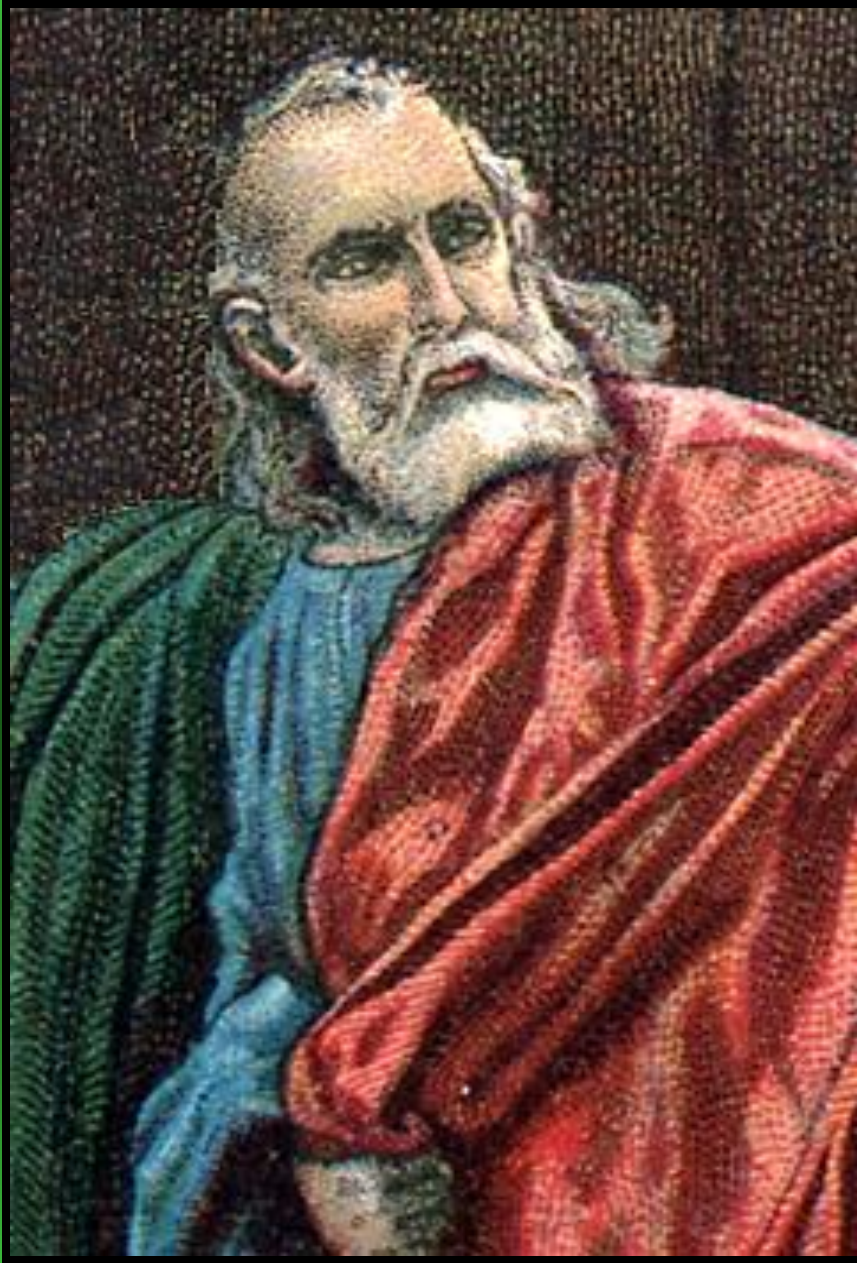
“²⁵But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, **Thy servant went no whither.**”

Then Gehazi **lied** to Elisha!



How did he think he could keep his secret from a man that God gave the power to heal leprosy?





2 Kings 5

“²⁶And he said unto him,
Went not mine heart with
thee, when the man
turned again from his
chariot to meet thee? Is it
a time to receive money,
and to receive garments,
and oliveyards, and
vineyards, and sheep,
and oxen, and
menservants, and
maidservants?”

2 Kings 5

“²⁷The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.”



**Gehazi had a tragic end to his life
for leprosy was a horrid and
lonely disease.**



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