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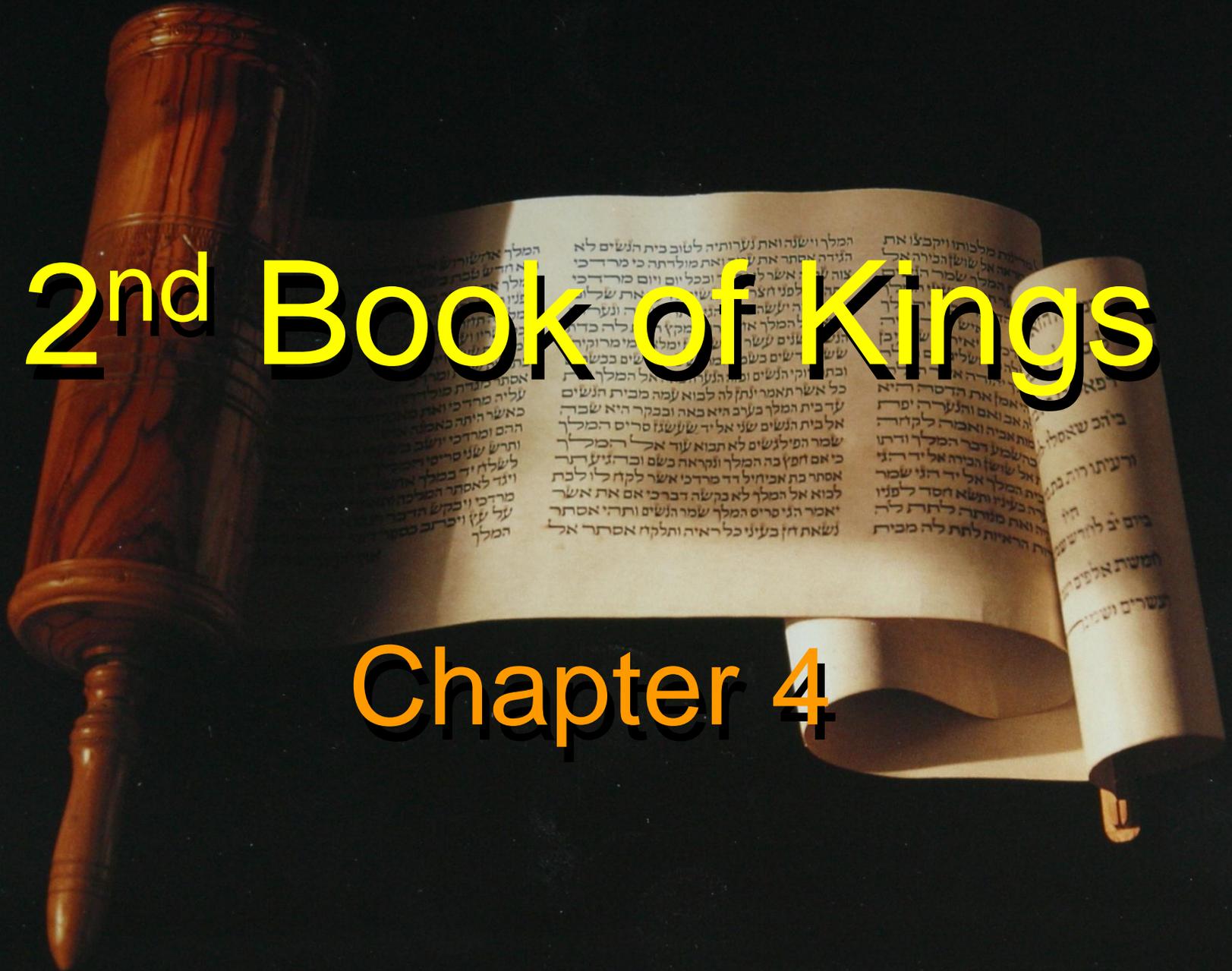


## 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Kings

*Simply teaching the Word simply*

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## Chapter 4



# The Miracles of Elisha

- These 5 miracles are not just random miracles with no specific purpose...
- They are 5 miracles of God's Grace
  - Provision (all your needs) 4:1-7
  - Posterity (a lasting name) 4:8-17
  - Healing (life from death) 4:18-37
  - Peace (secure amidst any trial) 4:38-44
  - Cleansing (of the un-cleansable) 5:1-19

# The Names of God

- There are 7 'compound names' of God found in the Bible
- Each of these reveal a different aspect of God's character
- 5 of these names speak of God's amazing grace, and are seen and demonstrated in the miracles the LORD does through Elisha in 2 Kings Ch 4-5
- These chapters showcase God's grace, and remind us that His grace is there for us... if we choose to accept it!

# A God of Grace

- **JEHOVAH-JIREH**

- "The Lord our Provider" (Genesis 22:14).

- **JEHOVAH-NISSI**

- "The Lord our Banner" (Exodus 17:15).

- **JEHOVAH-RAPHA**

- "The Lord our Healer" (Exodus 15:26)

- **JEHOVAH-SHALOM**

- The Lord our Peace (Judges 6:24)

- **JEHOVAH-TSID-KENU**

- "The Lord is our Righteousness" (Jeremiah 33:16).

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<sup>1</sup> Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

<sup>2</sup> And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

2 Kings 4:1-2

*3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.*

*4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.*

*5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.*

**2 Kings 4:3-5**

*6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.*

*7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.*

**2 Kings 4:6-7**

- This is a demonstration of God's Grace!
  - Definition: "Unmerited favour"
  - Something given that could never have been earned

# Jehovah-Jireh

<sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

<sup>14</sup> And Abraham called the name of that place **Jehovah-jireh:** as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

Genesis 22:13-14

- Jehovah-Jireh means:
  - “The LORD our Provider”

# Jehovah-Jireh

*<sup>23</sup> The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.*

*<sup>24</sup> Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.*

*<sup>25</sup> I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.*

*<sup>26</sup> He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.*

**Psalm 37:23-26**

# Jehovah-Jireh

**19** But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**Philippians 4:19**

# Jehovah-Jireh

- 8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.
- 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

Psalm 34:8-10

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**8** And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.

**9** And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.

**10** Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.

**11** And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.

**12** And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

**13** And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldst thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

**14** And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.

**15** And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.

**16** And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.

**2 Kings 4:14-16**

<sup>17</sup> And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

2 Kings 4:17

- At that time, having a family name – a posterity was vital
- *“And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God hath taken away my reproach”* **Genesis 30:23**

# Jehovah-Nissi

*<sup>14</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.*

*<sup>15</sup> And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi:*

*<sup>16</sup> For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.*

# Jehovah-Nissi

- The LORD is our banner
  - Literally, the standard we march under,
  - The Name that we advance in
- The LORD has taken away our reproach
- We have been given a name & a posterity

# Jehovah-Nissi

<sup>1</sup> Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

Isaiah 56:1-5

# Jehovah-Nissi

*3 Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.*

*4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;*

**Isaiah 56:1-5**

# Jehovah-Nissi

<sup>5</sup> Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

Isaiah 56:1-5

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**18** And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.

**19** And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.

**20** And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

**2 Kings 4:18-20**

**21** And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.

**22** And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

**23** And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.

**2 Kings 4:21-23**

*24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.*

*25 So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:*

**2 Kings 4:24-25**

*26* Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well.

*27* And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

**2 Kings 4:26-27**

*28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?*

*29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.*

**2 Kings 4:28-29**

*30 And the mother of the child said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.*

*31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.*

*32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.*

**2 Kings 4:30-32**

**33** He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD.

**34** And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.

**35** Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

*36 And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.*

*37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.*

**2 Kings 4:36-37**

# Jehovah-Rapha

<sup>26</sup> And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for **I am the LORD that healeth thee.**

Exodus 15:26

- Jehovah-Rapha means:
  - “The LORD our Healer”

# Jehovah-Rapha

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.*
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:*
- <sup>3</sup> Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;*

**Psalm 103:1-3**

# Jehovah-Rapha

<sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

<sup>3</sup> O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

**Psalm 30:2-3**

# Jehovah-Rapha

**21** ... because Christ also suffered for us...

**24** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: **by whose stripes ye were healed.**

**1 Peter 2:21-24**

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*38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.*

*39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not.*

**2 Kings 4:38-39**

40 So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof.

41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

**2 Kings 4:40-41**

42 And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat.

43 And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof.

44 So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the LORD.

# Jehovah-Shalom

<sup>23</sup> And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

<sup>24</sup> Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it **Jehovah-shalom**: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

Judges 6:23-24

- Jehovah-Shalom means:
  - “The LORD our Peace”

# Jehovah-Shalom

- In verses 38-44 we see two examples of the man of God being placed in impossible situations.
- Firstly, a poisonous stew...
- Secondly, insufficient food for the 100 men gathered
- On both occasions the man of God (Elisha) acts with complete composure and doesn't seem even slightly stressed
- How?

# Jehovah-Shalom

- Because God was his Rock!
- His abiding relationship was in God, and he knew that God would never leave him or forsake him
- He was kept in perfect peace!

# Jehovah-Shalom

<sup>3</sup> Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Isaiah 26:3

# Jehovah-Shalom

<sup>17</sup> And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

<sup>18</sup> They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

**Mark 16:17-18**

# Jehovah-Shalom

- 6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.
- 7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread.
- 8 Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

**Matthew 16:6-10**

# Jehovah-Shalom

- 9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?
- 10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

**Matthew 16:6-10**

# Jehovah-Shalom

- <sup>31</sup> Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- <sup>32</sup> (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- <sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

**Matthew 6:31-33**

# Jehovah-Shalom

- God's grace imparts in us a peace that can endure any storm or trial
- The One who can keep us from the storm is also the One who can keep us in the storm!
- It would have been no greater miracle for Jesus to have kept Peter under the waves as upon them.

# Jehovah-Shalom

- Oswald Chambers comments:
  - *“The actual things are, but immediately you look at them you are overwhelmed, you cannot recognise Jesus, and the rebuke comes: Wherefore didst thou doubt?” Let actual circumstances be what they may, keep recognising Jesus, maintain complete reliance on Him”*
  - *My Utmost for His Highest*

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Kings

## Chapter 5

Verses 1-19

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> And 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 5:1-2**

*3 And 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.*

*4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.*

*5 And 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.*

**2 Kings 5:3-5**

<sup>6</sup> And 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.

<sup>7</sup> And 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.

**2 Kings 5:6-7**

*8 And 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.*

*9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.*

**2 Kings 5:8-9**

**10** And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

**11** But 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.

**12** Are 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.

**13** And 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?

**14** 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.

**2 Kings 5:13-14**

**15** And 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 earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

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

**2 Kings 5:15-16**

**17** And 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.

**2 Kings 5:17**

**18** In 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.

**19** And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

**2 Kings 5:18-19**

# Jehovah-Tsid-Kenu

<sup>15</sup> In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

<sup>16</sup> In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, **The LORD our righteousness.**

Jeremiah 33:15-16

- Jehovah-Tsid-Kenu means:
  - “The LORD our Righteousness”

# Jehovah-Tsid-Kenu

- Our cleansing and being made 'right-with-God' (righteous) is an amazing work of grace.
- Our own righteousness is as filthy rags  
– see [Isaiah 64:6](#)
- When we lay aside our pride (as did Naaman) and submit to God, He will do the work of cleansing us, and will continue until the day of the Rapture!

# Jehovah-Tsid-Kenu

- 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

# Jehovah-Tsid-Kenu

**21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

# Jehovah-Tsid-Kenu

<sup>6</sup> Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

**Philippians 1:6**

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## Chapter 5

Verses 20-27

**20** But 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.

**21** So 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?

**2 Kings 5:20-21**

**22** And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

**23** And 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.

**2 Kings 5:22-23**

*24 And 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.*

*25 But 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.*

**2 Kings 5:24-25**

*26 And 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?*

*27 The 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.*

**2 Kings 5:26-27**

# The Failure of Gehazi

- Gehazi's actions show a complete disregard for God's grace
  - Provision
    - he didn't trust God
  - Posterity
    - his thoughts were only for himself
  - Healing
    - By not trusting God he found sickness not life
  - Peace
    - He had no peace
  - Cleansing
    - He ended up with the stain of sin upon him



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