

2 Kings 5:1-14 ESV Naaman Healed of Leprosy

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ² Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." ⁵ And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. ⁶ And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷ And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So, he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

v. 3 (NLT) "One day the girl said to her mistress, I wish my master would go to see the prophet in Samaria. He would heal him of his leprosy."

The Word, Faith, and Hope – Keys to Healing

3 John 2 NKJV

² Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

1. The Word of God Brings Healing – "GOD'S WORD FIRST"

Proverbs 4:20-22 AMPC

²⁰ My son, attend to my words; consent *and* submit to my sayings. ²¹ Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart. ²² For they are life to those who find them, healing *and* health to all their flesh.

- God's Word is more than instruction—it's life and health!

Psalm 107:20 NKJV

He sends forth His word and heals them and rescues them from the pit *and* destruction.

John 6:63 NKJV

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life.

- Just as medicine restores health to the body, the Word of God does the same for our spirit, soul, and body.

2. Faith Activates the Healing Power of God – read Hebrews 11:1 (AMPC)

Mark 11:22-24 AMPC

²² And Jesus, replying, said to them, Have faith in God [constantly]. ²³ Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, Be lifted up and thrown into the sea! and does not doubt at all in his heart but believes that what he says will take place, it will be done for him. ²⁴ For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it].

- Healing is received through faith, not just hoping it will happen.
- **Faith speaks:** We declare God's promises over our health and believe for healing.
 - Faith – conviction, confidence, trust, belief, reliance, trustworthiness, and persuasion. We are talking about the divinely implanted principle of inward confidence, assurance, trust, and reliance in God and all that He says.
- Doubt can hinder the flow of healing, but faith aligns us with God's will.

3. Hope Sustains Us While We Wait for Healing

Romans 15:13 AMPC

May the God of your hope so fill you with all joy and peace in believing [through the experience of your faith] that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound *and* be overflowing (bubbling over) with hope.

- **Hope is confident expectation**—it keeps us anchored while we wait for healing.
- The evidence of healing doesn't always present itself instantly, but hope keeps us **steadfast**.
 - Steadfast – means being firm, constant, and unwavering – staying strong and faithful no matter what challenges or difficulties come your way. It's about holding on to something important with determination, even when things are hard.
 - Even when healing doesn't come right away, hope helps us stay strong and patient. It's like having the strength to keep believing and trusting that things will get better, even when we don't see immediate results.
 - Being steadfast in hope means you keep going, trusting in the promise of healing, even when it takes time.
- When we focus on God's promises rather than the symptoms, we cultivate endurance.

4. Jesus Is the Ultimate Source of Healing

Isaiah 53:5 AMPC

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt *and* iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace *and* well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed *and* made whole.

- Jesus' sacrifice secured healing for us—physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Healing is not just an occasional miracle, but part of the **atonement**.
 - Atonement – the process of making things right or bring harmony between people and God after something has gone wrong.
 - Healing, whether it is physical, emotional, or spiritual isn't just something that happens randomly or occasionally but is an essential part of what Jesus' sacrifice made possible.
 - His atonement, (His act of making things right) includes the restoration of not only our relationship with God but also the restoration (healing) of our bodies, and minds.
 - Jesus willingly accepted that His body would be broken so that you and I would not have to remain broken. Physically, mentally, or any other way!
 - Another way to say this - He bore the wounds meant for us, allowing His body to be broken so that ours could be healed.
- We receive healing by standing on what Jesus has already accomplished!