*From the Pastor’s desk:*

**DON'T LOOK DOWN ON OTHERS – 2**

She mentioned to her mistress, “If only my master were to visit the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” **(2Ki 5:3 ISV)**

Last week, I narrated the story of a little girl from Israel who ended up as a slave at Naaman’s house. She suggested to her mistress that her husband Naaman would be healed of his leprosy if he could visit the Prophet Elisha. Naaman followed up the counsel as told to his wife. He told his boss the king who in turn sent to the king of Israel about healing his commander.

The king of Israel was disturbed when he heard the message, thinking the Syrians were looking for a way to drag them to war again. Although the king was disturbed, Prophet Elisha was so confident that his God would heal Naaman.

Naaman left for Samaria to meet the prophet with a lot of gifts. When he got to Elisha’s house, Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored, and you will be cleansed.” But Naaman was angry and said, *“I thought he would come out, call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are there not better waters of Israel? Couldn’t I wash in them and be cleansed?” So, he went off in a rage.*

Thank God for one of Naaman’s servants who said to him, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, ‘Wash and be cleansed’!” So, Naaman went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. What a mighty God!

Now, Naaman passed the test by not ignoring the counsel of the little girl and that of his wife. Yet, the devil waited for him at the junction of the instruction from the prophet. Thank God the prophet’s instruction too was backed up by his servant, he would have missed his turn of miracle. I pray that at any junction the enemy may be waiting for you, too, you will not fail in Jesus’ Name. But the counsel is, DON’T LOOK DOWN ON OTHERS.

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