

Healing Class - Derrick
Paying Attention to God's Word
February 12, 2025

Objective: To understand the importance of giving careful attention to God's Word. (What God says about your situation.)

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.

Scripture Focus:

Proverbs 4:20-22 (NKJV)

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; ²² For they *are* life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

(The Amplified, Classic Edition)

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.**

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NKJV)

"For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. ⁹ "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

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Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)

² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who **FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS**, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

How Should We Respond?

1. Trust Him

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

2. Seek Guidance

Psalms 25:4-5 (NKJV)

Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. ⁵ Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are* the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.

3. Walk In Faith & Obedience

Hebrews 11:1,2 (NKJV)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a *good* testimony.

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Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

² For by [faith—trust and holy fervor born of faith] the men of old had divine testimony borne to them *and* obtained a good report.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)

⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight.

4. Stay Humble

James 4:10 (NKJV)

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.