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**I**N THE FIFTH CHAPTER of II Kings is a marvelous picture of Old Testament deliverance. Naaman was a leper. His condition was incurable, for he was supernaturally bound by the powers of his affliction. He was a valiant man, a reputable character, for he was a leader of the host of Syria, captain of the Syrian Army, but he was a leper.

#### **NAAMAN'S MISTAKES**

There was a little maid, who had been taken captive by the Syrian Army, who attended Naaman's wife. Understanding Naaman's condition, she spoke about a prophet who abode in the land of Israel. She said to his wife, "I wish Naaman would go to this prophet, for I know if he would see him he would be delivered from his affliction." Naaman, evidently misunderstanding the little maid's testimony, went to the king of Syria, and secured a letter of recommendation to be presented to the king of Israel. Then we find that he took with him ten talents of silver and six thousand pieces of gold and ten changes of raiment.

We find that people make many mistakes today as they endeavor to seek deliverance from the Lord. The world is typified by Naaman's terrible condition, for leprosy is a horrible, incurable disease, that not only typifies sickness and affliction, but also typifies sin, for it is one of the most dreaded maladies that can come upon the human flesh. The world is held captive by the incurable leprosy of disease and sin. Men and women are seeking deliverance, but these mistakes must be corrected before deliverance can be wrought.

#### **I. HE THOUGHT HE WAS WORTHY**

We find that Naaman made three mistakes: *First*, as he came with his letter of recommendation, we see that *he thought he was worthy of deliverance*.

Many people are as Naaman, they come to the Lord with a feeling of prestige,

# **SUPERNATURAL DELIVERANCE— For This Present World!**

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proudly dependent upon their religious relationship, thinking that, thereby, they may merit special favor from Him. We find recorded in Luke 18:14 ". . . For everyone that **EXALTEH HIMSELF shall be abased; and he that HUMBLETH HIMSELF shall be exalted.**" In this portion of scripture Jesus refers to the Pharisee and the publican. The Pharisee stood proudly, clad in his religious garb, praying boastfully, of his self righteousness. But the publican, feeling his unworthiness, lifted not his eyes, and smote himself upon his breast, as he humbly repented of his sins. Jesus said, speaking of the publican: "I tell you, *this man went down to his house justified rather than the other.*"

We are not especially favored of God, because of our religious position; the Lord is concerned about the condition of one's heart. We must lay aside our pride and come to him in humility, recognizing that if we are to receive deliverance from the leprosy of sin and sickness, it can be obtained only as we realize that it is all of grace, the unmerited favor of God bestowed upon us who are unworthy; for we can expect deliverance only as we confess our complete dependence on Christ, who alone is able to set the captive free.

#### **II. HE THOUGHT HE COULD BUY HEALING**

*The second mistake Naaman made, was that he thought he could buy his healing. For he took with him "ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment."*

While many people are not willing to surrender their lives to the Lord, they come to the one through whom His power is being manifested, thinking they may merit special favor by offering sums of money. While it is our duty to support the work of God with "tithes and offerings," if we depend only upon our giving to merit favor from God, while we refuse to obey His word in other respects, we will be sadly disappointed.

During one of our campaigns, a lady called the pastor, stating that she was unwilling to come to the church, where I was ministering, for she belonged to an-

other, and also it would involve too much effort on her part. But she said if I would come and give a treatment, she would pay me well. *Her attitude was wrong* for, while she despised my religion, she wanted the blessing it afforded. *She also failed to recognize that the One who knows the attitude and intent of the heart, is the Healer, not man. Healing will come only as we recognize "its true source" and are willing to meet proper conditions. She thought she could buy her healing!*

#### **III. HE WENT TO THE KING INSTEAD OF GOD'S PROPHET**

*The third noticeable mistake Naaman made was that he went to the king of Israel. He thought, surely if anyone would be in a position to bring deliverance to him, it would be the king. Was he not the leader of the people of Israel, the one to be esteemed above all others? Surely one of such high degree, and exalted position, would be the one to whom he should present his case. Naaman went to the wrong man!*

Some feel that it doesn't matter where they go to church, just so they frequent the church of their own choice. But the thing that we must face is that there are true and false religions. The only way that we can determine the true from the false, is to carefully consider the Word of God. *Psalms 119:105*, tells us: "*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*" We can find deliverance, only as we make sure that the "path" we walk is "lighted" by the Word.

#### **"GREATER WORKS SHALL YE DO!"**

The next thing we must consider in this respect is: The true church will be in a position to bring Bible deliverance into actual reality. We are living in a day in which many have an attitude of passive mental assent toward the realities of the gospel. Many religionists give mental assent toward the Bible miracles, and deliverances of the past. But, as they consider the tremendous spiritual and physical need of men and women, they do not have the compassion and faith that will cause them to embrace the promises of the word for this present day.

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# STARTLING INCIDENTS AND AMAZING ANSWERS TO PRAYER

## *Israel Delivered from Plague of Locusts in Answer To Prayer*

"THE WORST plague of desert locusts in a century—possibly in the history of mankind—has been ravaging in the Middle East since January of this year (1952). It threatens to envelope all North Africa, Southern Russia, Pakistan, and India. The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization warns that millions of already hungry people may die of starvation if the locusts survive. The situation is so serious that Russia and the U. S. A. have joined hands to fight the plague. Between 5,000 and 10,000 men are engaged, using motorized spraying units and planes to spray insecticide on the eggs and poisoned bait on the crawlers.

"An observer writes: 'Suddenly in East Africa vast swarms of locusts arose to black out the sun. A single swarm would cover a space of 250 square miles with perhaps five hundred million (500,000,000) locusts weighing seven hundred (700) tons. Thirty swarms entered Egypt and other Middle East countries. They threatened all the grain, cotton, wheat, barley and rice crops in that part of the world.

'We are reminded of the eighth plague that God sent upon Egypt in the days of Moses, to punish the Egyptians for mistreating the Jews, as recorded in *Exodus 10:12-19*. When Egypt's ruler repented, God sent a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts and cast them into the Red Sea.

'God delivered Israel from this plague about ten weeks ago. Swarms of locusts from Jordan invaded Israel, but the orthodox Jews proclaimed a day of prayer throughout all Israel. *In answer to prayer*

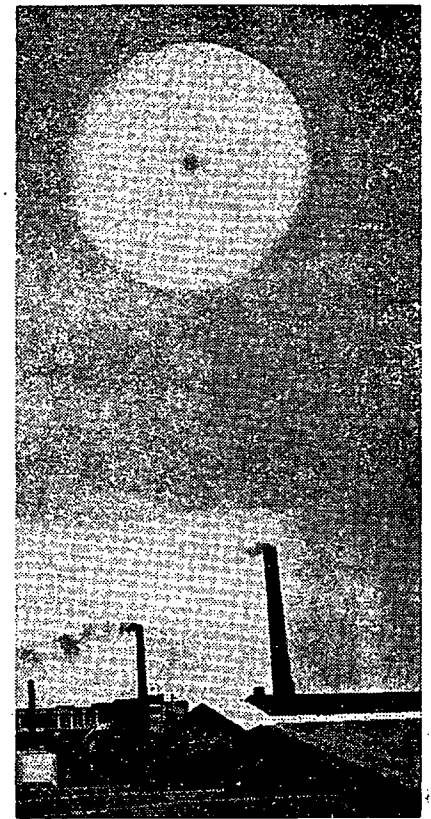
God sent strong west winds which blew the locusts back into Jordan territory, and Israel's crops were saved.'

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## *Strange Aerial Object Surrounded by Halo*

A CLIPPING from the Dutch magazine *The Mirror*, of October 4, 1952, includes a photograph of a strange aerial object accidentally taken by a Dutch technician named Nyland the previous August 9.

Nyland had climbed onto the roof of the factory in Delft, where he works, intending to photograph a radar antenna. His attention was diverted by a strong



light which moved rapidly to the left. He observed an oval shape which slowly tilted over until it appeared to be circular. At this point Nyland took his picture. The object then shot up vertically and disappeared. (See picture above.)

The round white area around the black dot actually was a kind of halo around the object and was not the object itself, Nyland says. He had not seen the halo with his naked eye. In the photograph it appeared to him that the light was revolving about the black dot in the center.

Speed of the object was faster than a Sabre jet fighter, Nyland said.

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### SUPERNATURAL DELIVERANCE

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God. So he sent his servant who gave him this message: "Naaman, go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean."

When he heard these words:

"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. Are not the 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."

Naaman's servants came to 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?"

### BE SUBMISSIVE TO GOD'S WILL

BIBLE DELIVERANCE IS ABSOLUTELY CONDITIONAL. Naaman was not interested in surrendering his will to the Lord, he was interested only in his healing. He wanted to choose his own ways, and still receive the blessing. But Naaman faced the issue, it was a matter of either going HIS WAY and REMAINING a LEPER, or going GOD'S WAY and being HEALED.

Many people are just like Naaman. They are not interested in serving the Lord, their only concern is to receive healing. But God does not heal us so we can be better fit to serve the devil. GOD DEMANDS OUR OBEDIENCE. IF YOU WANT THE BLESSINGS OF THE LORD, YOU MUST SERVE THE LORD.

### BE WILLING TO SERVE GOD

As his servants talked with him, Naaman reconsidered, and started for Jordan. Every time the wheels of the chariot turned over, it brought him nearer deliverance. When he arrived at the river's bank, the scripture tells us:

"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." (II Kings 5:14)

The river Jordan was Naaman's means of contact. When he went down the seventh time. NO POWER ON EARTH, NO DEMON IN HELL COULD STOP HIS HEALING, for he had COMPLETELY obeyed God's word. God was bound to His word, for He had promised, and Naaman was completely healed!