

An Encounter With Naaman and Leprosy

Chapel Bible Study

1 Ki 5:1-19

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- I. What He needed to be cured of.
 - a. Often Jesus dealt with healing by indicating “your sins have been forgiven.”
 - b. Our brokenness is due to our sin.
 - c. There is an inner leprosy in us all.
 - d. Naaman had to be humbled due to his self-sufficiency and pride.
 - e. 8:45-13
- II. What is the nature of the cure
 - a. It starts with flattening self-image.
 - b. The simplicity of the cure is offensive, v 11.
 - c. The freeness of the cure is offensive. V 13.
 - d. N-any idiot can do that, and do you mean to say nothing about me matters! Rm 3:23.
 - e. The exclusivity is offensive just like our culture.
- III. How do we know Naaman “got it”?
 - a. He looked like a young boy and instead of achieving just receiving.
 - b. He replied with “now I know”. It is not just mystical but your mind must be changed.
 - c. His radical generosity is manifest.
 - d. He becomes His servant, not His partner. There will be no limits on Naaman’s obedience. Conversion demands this.
 - e. “Give me a pile of dirt.” This symbolic in that in that he will not turn his back on the God of Israel.
 - f. We can’t withdraw from the world. Without being obnoxious or without demonstrating cowardice. Luke 4:25. 37-38:40.

