

2 Kings 5:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 5: God's grace extends to Gentiles; judgment on greed. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. The prophetic ministry served as God's primary means of covenant enforcement, calling both kings and people to faithfulness. During this period, Israel and Judah struggled with persistent idolatry, particularly Baal worship introduced under Ahab and Jezebel.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: 2 Kings 5 takes place during the Elisha prophetic ministry, approximately 850-800 BCE. The chapter's theme (Naaman's Healing and Gehazi's Greed) reflects the historical reality of God's compassionate provision through

prophetic miracles while both kingdoms struggled with persistent idolatry. Archaeological evidence from this period includes royal inscriptions, administrative documents, and material culture that corroborate the biblical account while providing additional context for understanding the political and social dynamics at work.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 5 regarding god's grace extends to gentiles; judgment on greed?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's character, particularly His justice, mercy, and faithfulness to covenant promises?
3. In what practical ways should this text shape contemporary Christian thinking about faithfulness, worship, and obedience to God?

Interlinear Text

אָמַר רְתִי	הִבְהֵה	אָמַר רְתִי	נָעַמְתִּי	וְלֹא	נָעַמְתִּי	וְלֹא	וְלֹא
Behold I thought	H2009	Behold I thought	H559	H1980	But Naaman	was wroth	וְלֹא

בְּשָׁם	וְקָרָא	וְעַמְדָּה	וְיֹצֶא	וְיֹצֶא	וְיֹצֶא	וְאַל
H413	He will surely	He will surely	to me and stand		and call	on the name
H3318		H3318		H5975	H7121	H8034

הַמְצַבָּע: the leper H6879

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