

# 2 Kings 5:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

## 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 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

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**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

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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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

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וַיֹּאמֶר	אֵלָיו	לֹא	לִבִּי	הָלַךְ	בָּאֵשׁ	הִפָּךְ
And he said	H413	H3808	not mine heart	unto him Went	H834	turned
H559			H3820	H1980		H2015
אֶת־יֵשׁ	מֵעַל	מִרֶכֶבְתּוֹ	לִקְרֹאתָ			
with thee when the man	H5921	again from his chariot	to meet			
H376		H4818	H7125			
הֲעַתָּה	וְלֵקְחַתָּהּ	אֶת־	הַכֶּסֶף	וְלֵקְחַתָּהּ	בְּגָדִים	
thee Is it a time	and to receive	H853	money	and to receive	garments	
H6256	H3947		H3701	H3947	H899	
וְזֵיתִים	וְכַרְמִים	וְצֹאֵן	וְבָקָר	וְעֲבָדִים		
and oliveyards	and vineyards	and sheep	and oxen	and menservants		
H2132	H3754	H6629	H1241	H5650		
וְשִׁפְחוֹת:						
and maidservants						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Colossians 2:5** (Parallel theme): For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

**1 Corinthians 5:3** (Parallel theme): For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,

**2 Kings 6:12** (Parallel theme): And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.