

2 Kings 5:26

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 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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

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

וְאָתָר	לֹא	אֲלֹי	לְבָבِ	כִּלְגָן	כִּפְרָנָה	כִּאַשְׁר	רָפָא
And he said	H413	H3808	not mine heart	unto him Went	H1980	H834	turned
	H559		H3820		H1980		H2015
אַיִשׁ	מִעַל	מִרְכְּבָת	בְּ	לְקִרְבָּת	בְּ	לְקִרְבָּת	בְּ
with thee when the man	H376	H5921	again from his chariot	H4818		to meet	H7125
thee Is it a time	H6256	H3947	and to receive	H853	money	and to receive	garments
				H3701	H3947		H899
וְכַרְמִים	וְאַזְנוֹן	וְבָקָר	וְבָקָר	וְעֵבֶד	וְעֵבֶד	וְעֵבֶד	וְשִׁפְחוֹתִים
and oliveyards	H2132	H3754	and vineyards	H6629	and sheep	and oxen	and menservants
				H1241		H5650	
and maidservants	H8198						

Additional Cross-References

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.