

# 2 Kings 5:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.**

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

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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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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## 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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וַתֹּאמֶר	אֶל	גְּבִרְתָּהּ	הִיא	אָמְרָה	אֲדֹנָי	לִפְנֵי
And she said	H413	unto her mistress		Would	God my lord	were with
H559		H1404		H305	H113	H6440
הַנָּבִי	אֲשֶׁר	בְּשִׁמְרוֹן	אֵל	יֵאָסֵף	אֵת	
the prophet	H834	that is in Samaria	for	he would recover		H853
H5030		H8111	H227	H622		
מִצָּרְעָתוֹ:						
him of his leprosy						
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Numbers 11:29** (Prophecy): And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

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