

# 2 Kings 5:6

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 reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## 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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יֹאמַר וְשָׂא לְמֶלֶךְ אֵל הֵס פָּר כָּב וְאֵ  
And he brought Now when this letter H413 to the king H4428 of Israel H3478 saying H559  
H935 H5612

הִנֵּה אֵל יְיָ הִזָּה הֵס פָּר כָּב וְאֵ וְעַתָּה ה  
H6258 And he brought Now when this letter H2088 H413 H2009  
H935 H5612

עֲבָדִי נָעֲמָן אֶת אֵל יְיָ שְׁלַח חֲתִי  
unto thee behold I have therewith sent H413 H853 Naaman H5283 my servant H5650  
H7971

וְאִסְפֹתִי מִצָּרְעָתוֹ:  
to thee that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy H622 H6883