

54 Elisha Heals the Leper

"Master Naaman should go to the prophet in Israel to be healed," said the slave girl.

This girl had been captured and carried away from Israel as a slave. She worked for the wife of Naaman, the commander of the army of Aram. He had a terrible disease called leprosy. When Naaman, the commander, heard about the prophet who could heal him, he went to Israel to see if it was true.

At the prophet Elisha's house, a servant told Naaman to wash in the Jordan River seven times to be healed.

"What?" said Naaman. "The rivers in my country are cleaner that that one!"

Naaman was upset. The prophet didn't even take time to talk with him. Naaman went off angry, but some of his servants encouraged him to try what the prophet said.



Naaman went back to Elisha's house and offered to pay the prophet for the miracle, but Elisha wouldn't take anything from him.

"I serve the Lord," said Elisha. "I won't take anything."

Even when Naaman insisted, Elisha didn't take anything for God's miracle.

