

INTRODUCTION: Naaman is described as a man with a very responsible position, a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria. In addition he is described as a might man of valour. And then we have:

1. THE SAD EXCEPTION: He was a leper. We look today at leprosy.
2. LEPROSY IS UNCLEANNESS
 1. It is physical foulness...total corruption.
3. LEPROSY IS CONTAGIOUS
 1. The leper spreads his disease wherever he goes.
 2. Sin is contagious and is developed by association with the sinful. 1 Cor. 15:33; 2 Tim 3:15, 16.
4. LEPROSY IS A LIVING DEATH
 1. Usually begins at the extremities of the body and works its way to its final blow: DEATH.
 2. A hand drops off, or a foot will rot away to fall from the body. An eye falls out. Leprosy is a state of daily progressive death.
 - (1) Jesus considered the human race spiritually dead (John 5:25; 6:33) Rev. 3:1
 - (2) Paul spoke of those who are dead while they live (1 Tim. 5:6)
5. LEPROSY CANNOT BE CURED.
 1. No human power can deliver the leper from his disease.
 2. All science is dumb before its fearful inroad, its fatal progress.
 3. All efforts have proved unavailing. Sooner we are told, Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil. Jeremiah 13:23
6. LEPROSY ENDS IN A DEATH OF AGONY AND DISPAIR
 1. Sin bringeth forth death (James 1:15) It is a death whose final gateway is the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14, 15)
7. NAAMAN THE ONLY LEPER OF HIS DAY CURED. Luke 4:27
 1. Man's thoughts against God's Word want do. 2 Kings 5:10-12

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