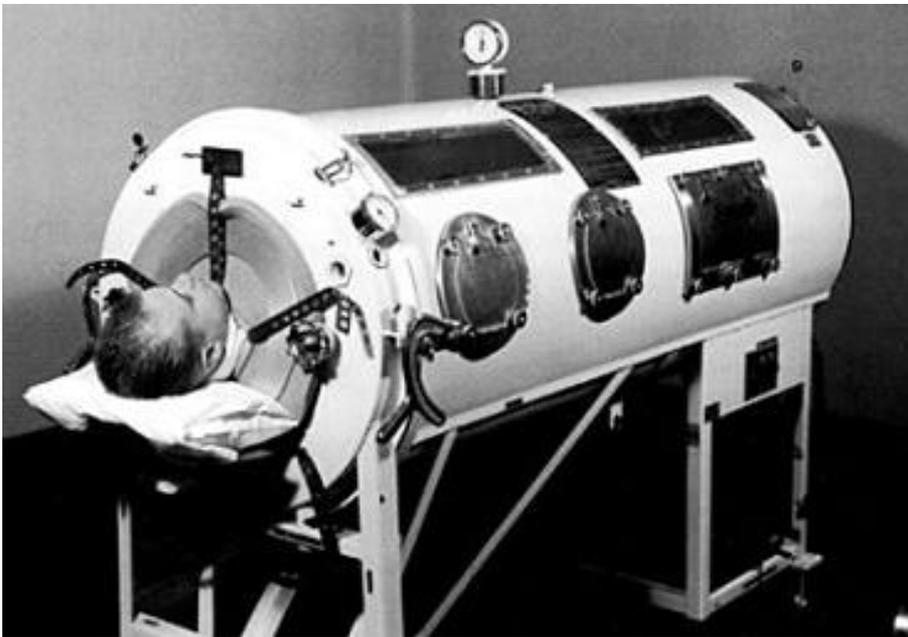
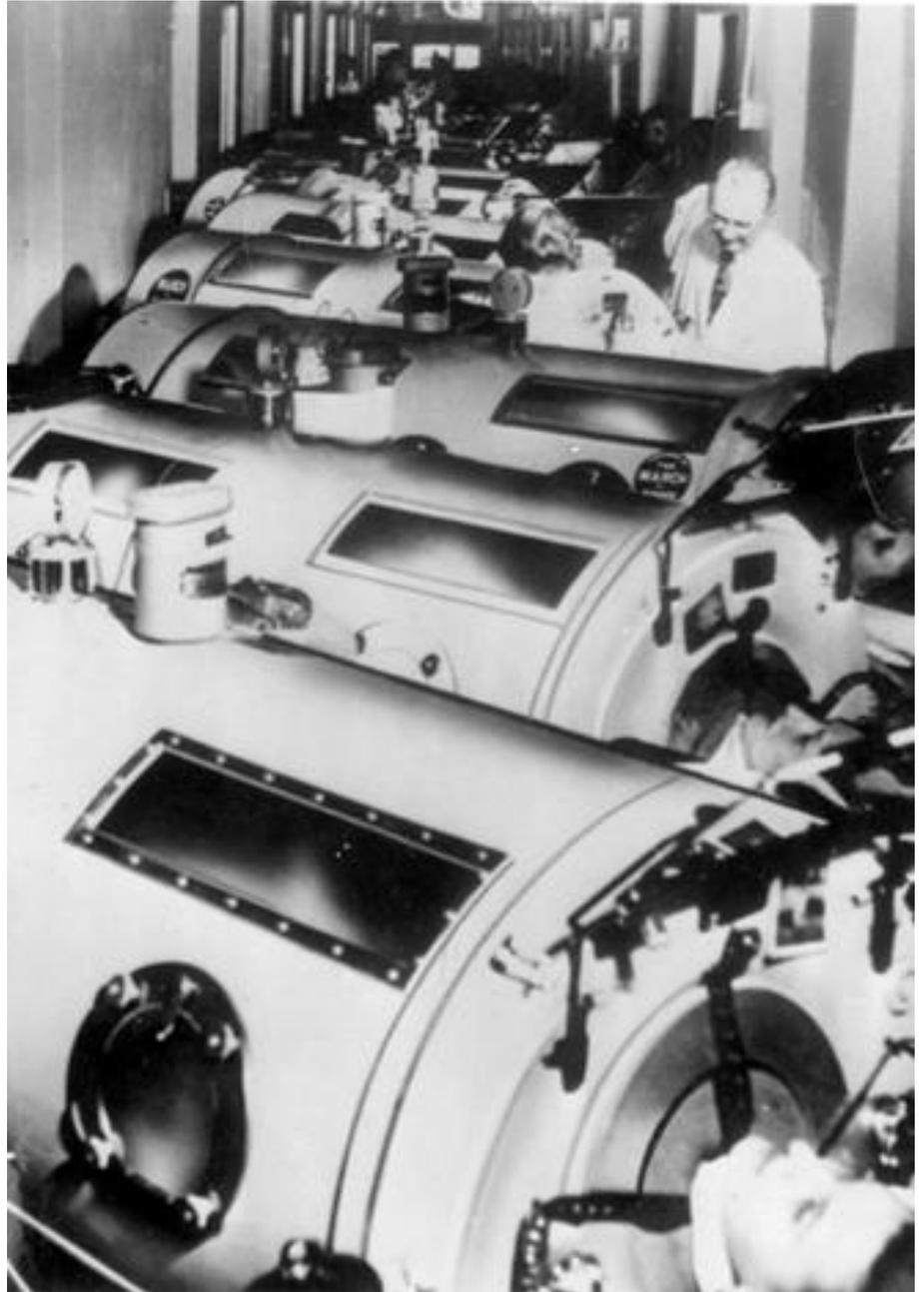


Lessons from Naaman the Leper

2 Kings 5:1-19







Ten talents of silver.

- One silver talent weight 26 kilograms. If one kg of silver is worth \$652.34 then a silver talent would be worth \$16,960.84. One kg of a silver talent could feed a large family for months. 10 talents of silver would be worth about \$170,000 dollars.



Today 6000 shekels would be
around 150 lbs of gold.

3.6 MILLION
DOLLARS

- NASV says *the king greatly respected him,*
- ESV says *he was in High Favor*
- NLT says the King of Aram *had great admiration for Naaman.*

2 Kings 5:1- *Now Naaman, captain of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man with his master, and highly respected, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man was also a valiant warrior, **BUT HE WAS A LEPER.** NASU*

- **RAISED THE SHUNNAMITE WOMAN'S SON**
- ***“THERE IS DEATH IN THAT POT”***
- **THEN A MAN BROUGHT 20 LOAVES OF BREAD AND SOME OTHER FOOD FOR THE PROPHETS AND ELISHA SAID PLACE IT BEFORE THE PROPHETS.**

- 2 Kings 5:3-4 - *“I wish that my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would cure him of his leprosy.”* NASU



- 2 Kings 5:6-7 - **6** *He brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, “And now as this letter comes to you, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy.”* **7** *When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man is sending word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? But consider now, and see how he is seeking a quarrel against me.”* NASU

- 2 Kings 5:8-13- *Why have you torn your clothes? Now let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.” 9 So Naaman came with his horses and his chariots and stood at the doorway of the house of Elisha. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh will be restored to you and you will be clean.” 11 But Naaman was furious and went away and said, “Behold, I thought, ‘He will surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.’ 12 “Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. NASU*



2 Kings 5:13-19 - *13 Then his servants came near and spoke to him and said, “My father, had the prophet told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” 14 So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child and he was clean.*

- **15** When he returned to the man of God with all his company, and came and stood before him, he said, “Behold now, I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel; so please take a present from your servant now.”
16 But he said, “As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will take nothing.” And he urged him to take it, but he refused. **17** Naaman said, “If not, please let your servant at least be given two mules’ load of earth; for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering nor will he sacrifice to other gods, but to the Lord. **18** “In this matter may the Lord pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the Lord pardon your servant in this matter.” **19** He said to him, “Go in peace.” So he departed from him some distance. NASU

SOMEONE HAD TO BRING THE MESSAGE TO NAAMAN

- Romans 10:14-15 - *14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? 15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!" NASU*

- Acts 8:26-32 - *26 But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.) 27 So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." 30 Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. NASU*

***How will they hear without
a preacher?***

Acts 8:4 – *“Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.”* NASU

Matthew 28:19-20 (NASB) ***"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."***

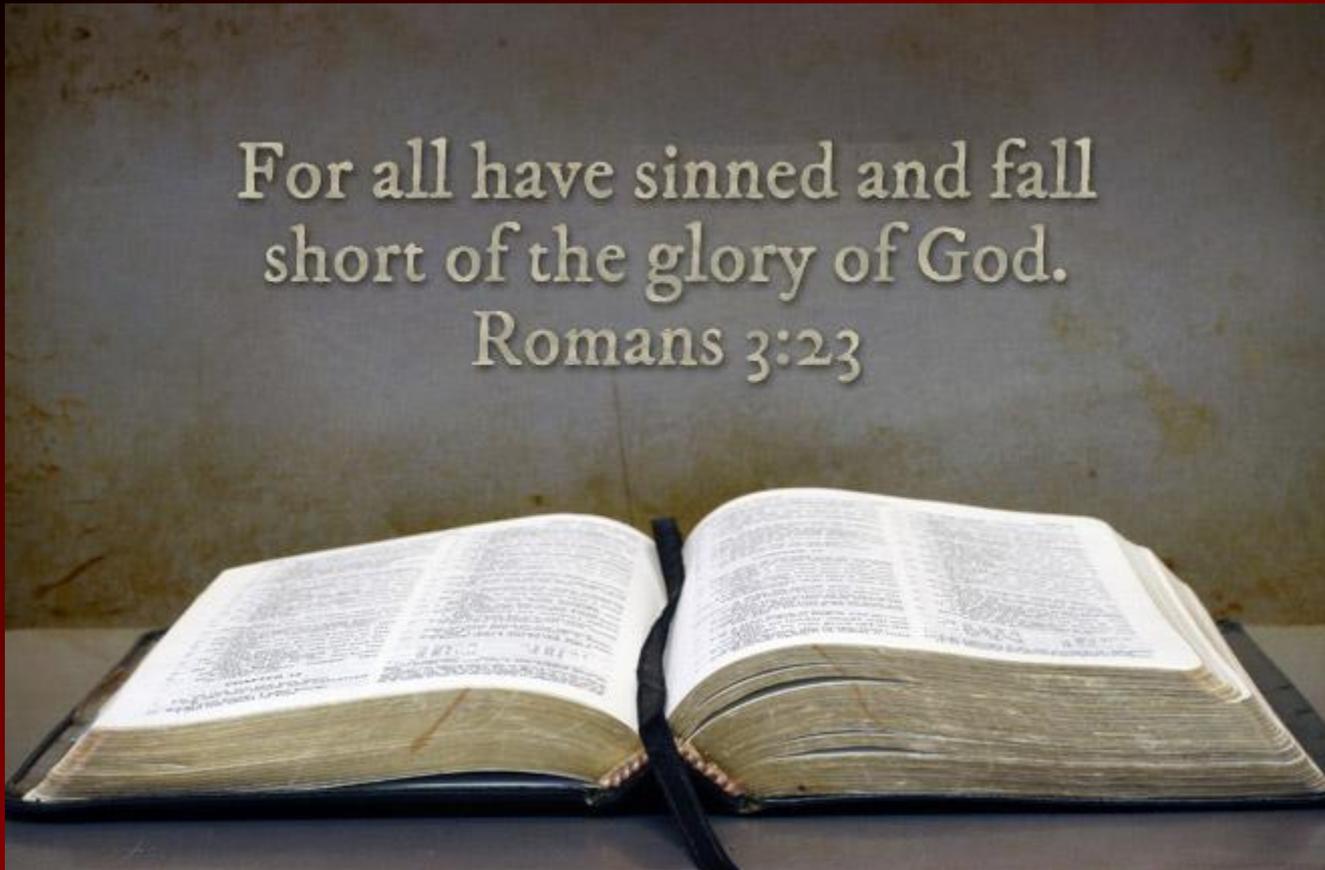
Mark 16:15 -16 - *15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. NASU*

“as you are going.”

Hebrews 5:12- 12 *For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.” NASU*

WE ARE ALL SPIRITUAL LEPERS

For all have sinned and fall
short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23

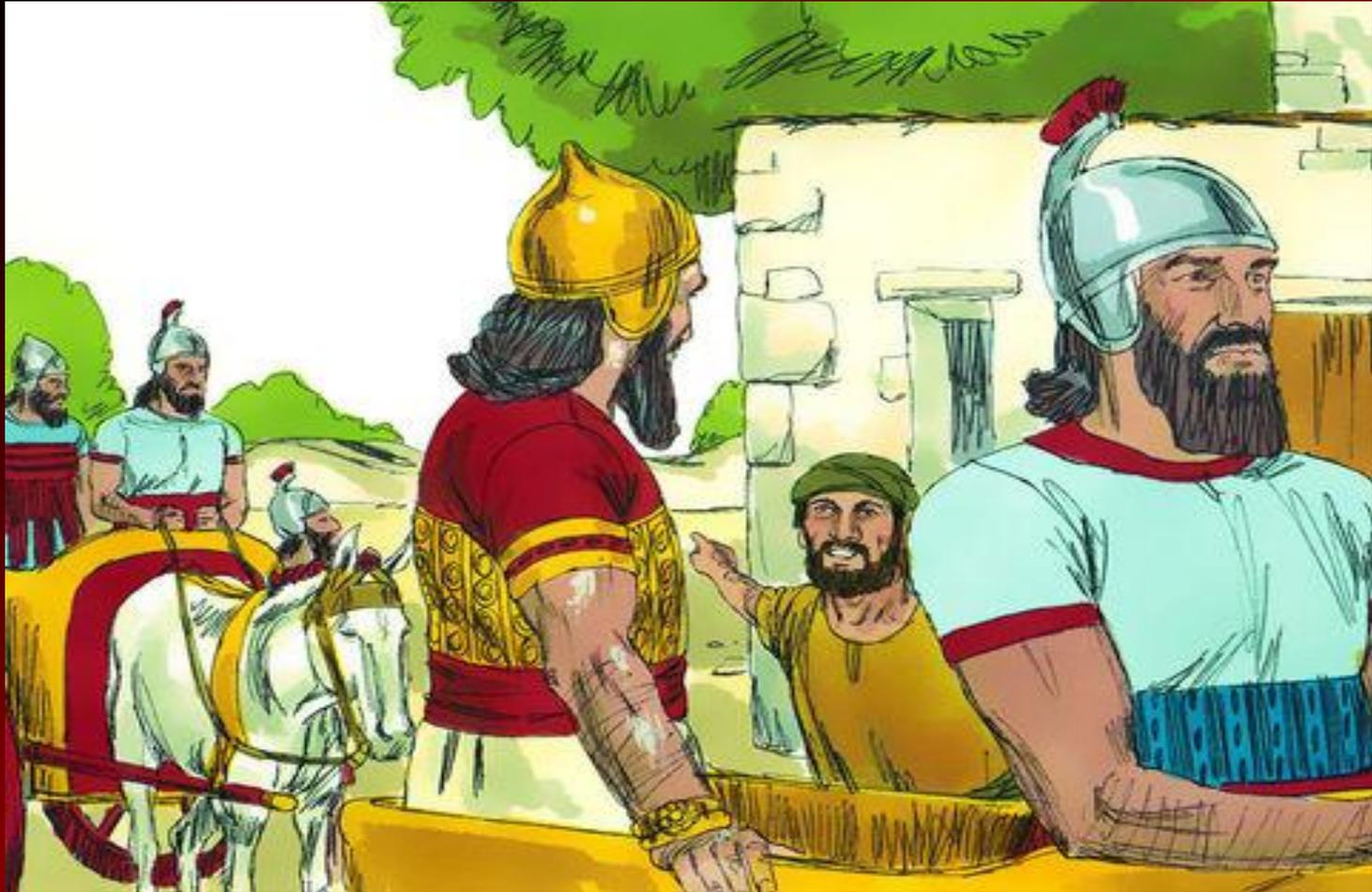


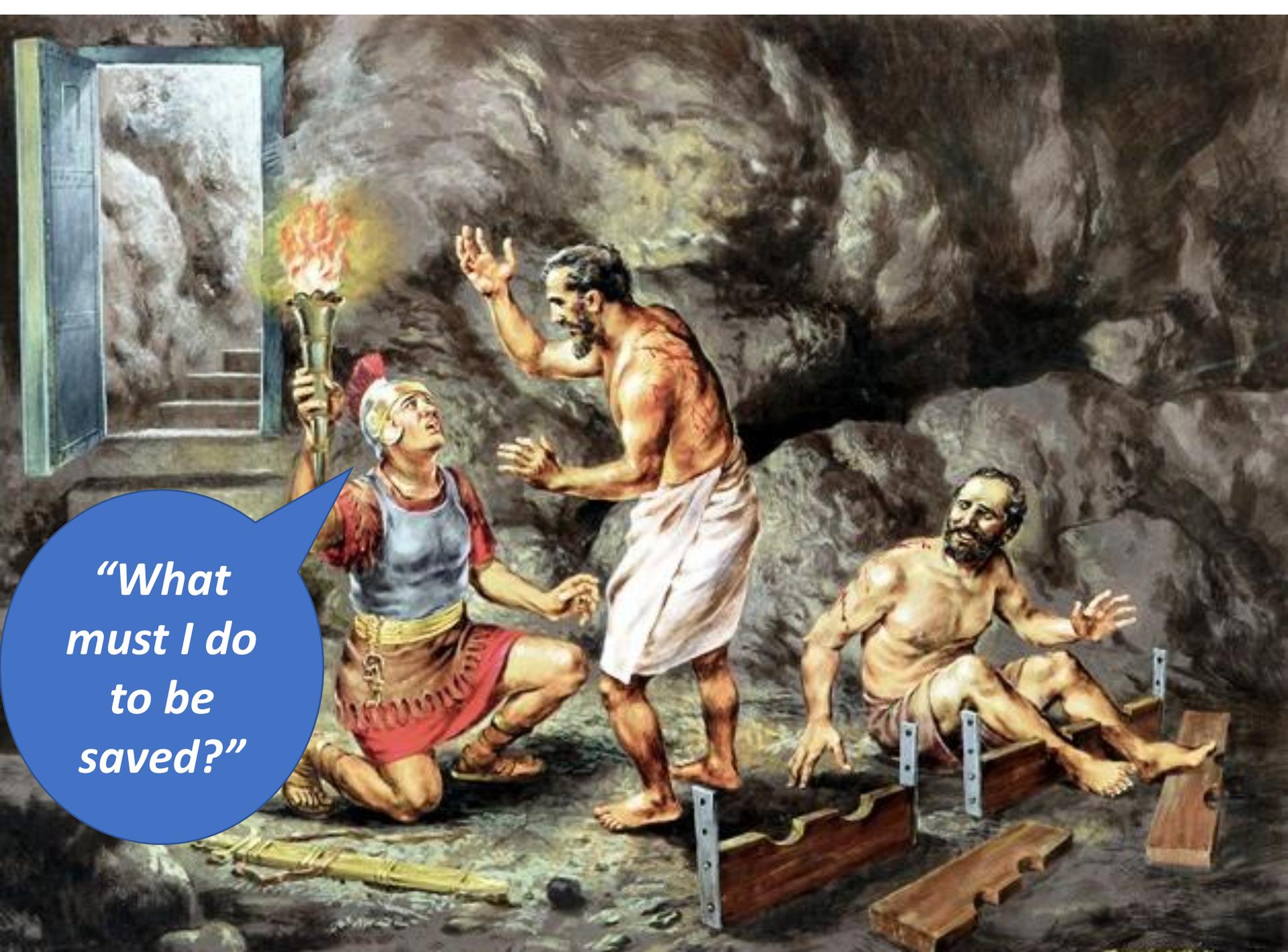
**For the wages of
sin is death, but
the gift of God is
eternal life in
Christ Jesus our
Lord.**

Romans 6:23

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NAMAAN WAS SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH





*“What
must I do
to be
saved?”*

- Acts 16:31-34 - **31** They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." **32** And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. **33** And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household. **34** And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household. NASU

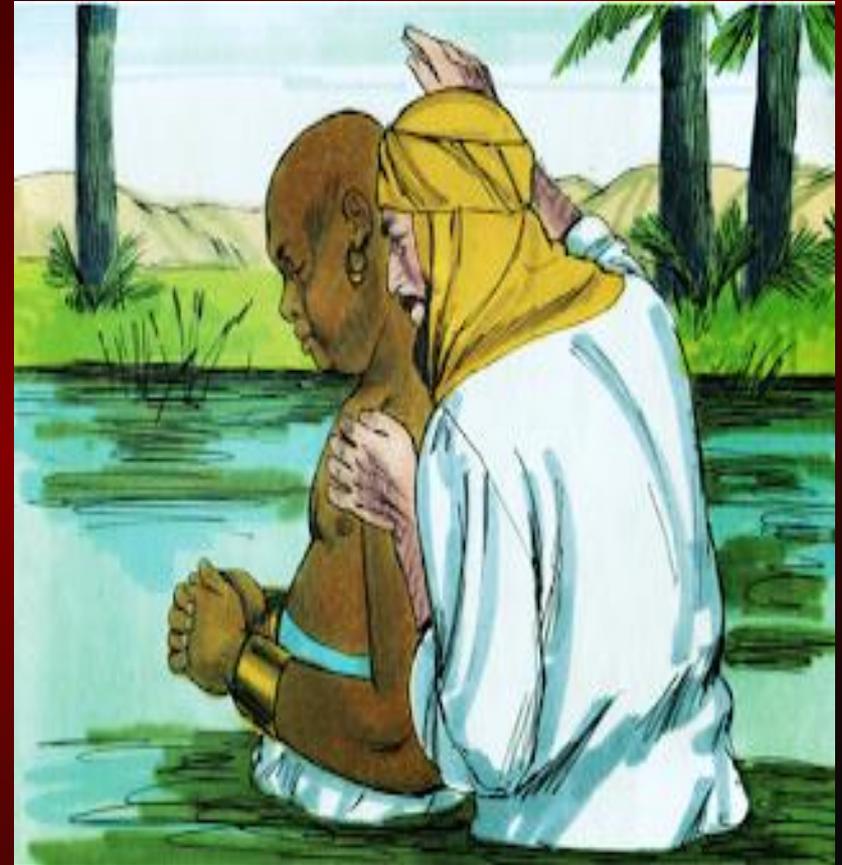
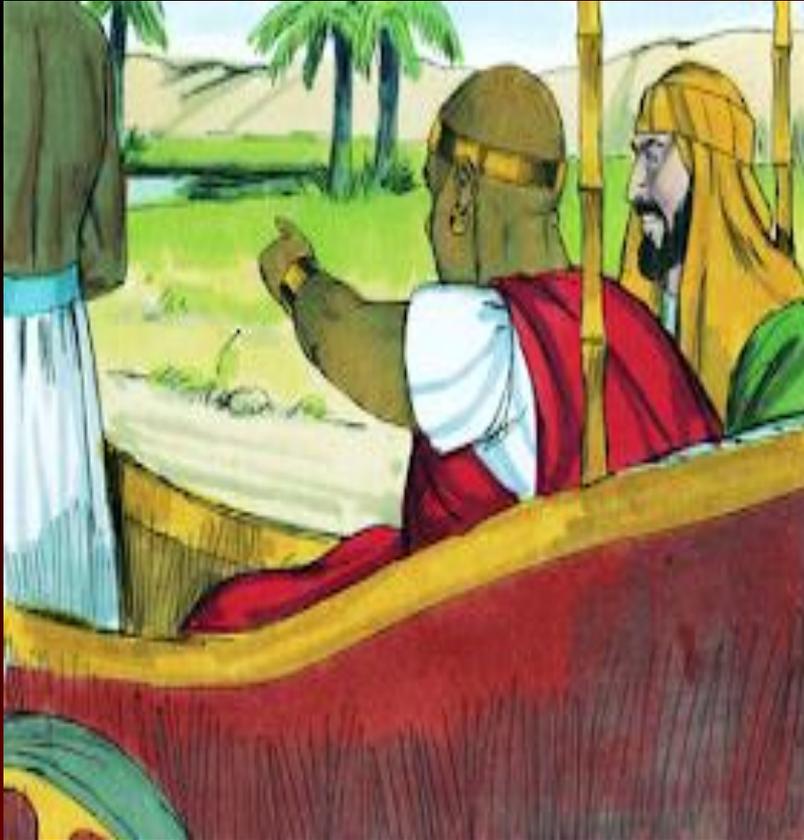
Romans 10:17 – *“Faith comes
by hearing and hearing by
the word of God.”*

- Acts 8:35-39 - *Then Philip opened his mouth and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. 36 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, Look! "Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 37 And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." 38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him. NASU*

By Grace... through faith.

Faith obeys.

MANY RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACIOUS COMMANDMENTS IN THE SAME WAY



***SEE HERE IS WATER. WHAT PREVENTS ME FROM BEING
BAPTIZED?***

Luke 7:30 - *But the Pharisees
and the lawyers rejected
God's purpose for
themselves, not having
been baptized by John.*

NASU

Ephesians 4:4-6

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; {5} One Lord, one faith, one baptism, {6} One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

βαπτίζω

baptizō / baptize

HE CAME TO HIS SENSES AND DID WHAT GOD SAID

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Titus 3:5- *5 he saved us, but not because of anything we had done to gain his approval. Instead, because of his mercy he saved us through the washing in which the Holy Spirit gives us new birth and renewal.*

(from GOD'S WORD)

Titus 3:5 - *He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, NASU*

Acts 22:16 (ESV) *And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'*

Acts 2:38- 38 *Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. NASU*