

# WE DO NOT WELL

## 2 KINGS 7

Text: 2 Kings 7:9

Introduction:

A great famine was going on in Samaria. However, the Syrians had not suffered from lack, but were not helping out Samaria. And in the story that we have just read we see four lepers at the gate or the entering of the city. Notice with me:

### **1. THEIR SITUATION**

The situation was so bad that the people of the city had resorted to cannibalism.

(2 Ki 6:25-30 KJV) "And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver. {26} And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king. {27} And he said, If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barnfloor, or out of the winepress? {28} And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered,

This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow. {29} So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son. {30} And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh."

A. The lepers: A picture of the lost.

(2 Ki 7:3 KJV) "And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?"

1. Sitting still would have resulted in death.

B. The city: A picture of the world.

(2 Ki 7:4 KJV) "If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also...."

1. Going back to the city or the world would have resulted in death.

C. The Syrians: A picture of God.

(2 Ki 7:4 KJV) "..... Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die."

1. Their only hope for survival was to go to Syria, or to God.

## **2. THEIR SALVATION (VSS. 8-9)**

(2 Ki 7:8-9 KJV) "And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink,

A. Their hunger and thirst needs were met.

B. A clear picture of salvation.

(John 6:35 KJV) "And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

C. Their only source of survival Salvation to Jesus Christ.

D. Our only hope of Salvation is going to Jesus Christ.

(John 14:6 KJV) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

(John 3:36 KJV) "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

### **3. THEIR SUPPLY (VS. 8)**

(2 Ki 7:8 KJV) "And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it."

A. God not only meets our spiritual needs but He also meets our physical needs.

(Luke 12:29-31 KJV) "And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. {30} For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. {31} But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you."

(Phil 4:19 KJV) "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

### **4. THEIR SINCERITY**

(2 Ki 7:9-11 KJV) "Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we

hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household. {10} So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were. {11} And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within."

- A. Wanted to tell of their salvation.
- B. Wanted to tell of their good tidings
- C. Wanted to share their blessings with others.
- D. Remember Samaria had nothing and their only hope was to go to Syria (or the Lord)

Notice:

1. Some still doubted the truth.

(2 Ki 7:12 KJV) "And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city."

a. There will always be those that question the simple gospel.

2. Some wanted to test the truth.

(2 Ki 7:13 KJV) "And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed:) and let us send and see."

## **5. THEIR SELECTION**

A. They would now have to choose after salvation where they would stay.

1. Either in God's will.

2. Go back in the world.

B. Many times people return back to the world.

(2 Pet 2:20-22 KJV) "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. {21} For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy

commandment delivered unto them. {22} But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

1. Those that do, their end is worse than their beginning.

### C. The choice is yours.

(Josh 24:15 KJV) "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Close:

Where are you in this story, the lepers, with no hope? Have experienced salvation but are not sharing it with anyone? Or possibly you have decided to go back to the world. That is a very dangerous place to be. You need to come back to the Lord.