



**“So Naaman (captain of the army of the king of Aram who had leprosy) came with his horses and his chariots and stood at the doorway of the house of Elisha. 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.” 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.’ ‘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. 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?’” 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.” 2 Kings 5:9-14**

Notice how upset Naaman was with Elisha’s cure for his leprosy. He wanted Elisha to see him in person, not send a servant, and that he would wave his hand around while calling on God, also complaining that he could just have easily washed in a Damascus river and saved himself a trip to Israel.

Naaman comes a long way to be healed of leprosy through a famous man of God, to almost leaving in anger complaining about the process. He wanted a big show to be put on by God and His servant! He thought the power of God rested in some kind of difficult technique done by some famous man. After all, Naaman considered himself important and expected special treatment from God and Elisha.

Seems kind of familiar for today doesn’t it!

Did Naaman really think that Elisha pulled this technique out of a “How To” book or learned it from some conference he attended, on what technique to use on someone who has leprosy?

Yet Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century want exactly that... they can’t wait to hear and know the “latest technique” that someone famous is doing or teaching.

The other day I talked on the phone to a long time High Level Spiritual Warfare leader, who I hadn’t talked to in over a year, and he told me that he and his church leadership were using the latest deliverance technique they learned from an internationally known leader. This is a person who for many years has seen and gone in the spirit, attacked and destroyed evil entities in the spirit, yet now leans on a new technique for some reason!

That’s like knowing how to fly a war jet in battle but then deciding one day to use your bare hands instead!



Imagine Naaman going back to Damascus to teach people the Elisha Leprosy cure technique?

Many years ago I first learned deliverance by techniques also! I was taught that if one thing didn’t work you tried the next thing and so on. I tried to remember these techniques! Imagine standing in front of a person and trying a list of packaged techniques against a demon! Now imagine doing it for a whole city and nation against a principality! Yet I’ve personally seen and read about Christians doing this all the time! Only God’s grace and protection pulled me through such battles to where He wanted me!

Utilizing your own will and techniques are flesh doctrines that detract from God's glory, can fail (using the wrong battle plan) or backfire (evil entity counterattack against a weak, ineffective, wrong-timed, man-made plan) and can lead to being controlled by a spirit of religion, to pride and vainglory... thus to our fall!

We're not like witches or psychics who do legalistic rituals, prescribed incantations, healing formulas and magical, demonic performances for personal glory and for profit.

Techniques "can" work but why would you want to use them when God teaches you different in His Word, if one will just observe and be obedient? (BEWARE: The spirit of religion from creeping in!)

For many years I've taught people not to use a "cookie-cutter" approach to obtain spiritual and physical victories.

Don't confuse testimonies with techniques!

People chase after the hottest spiritual "expert's" latest book, CD or conference to find the Holy Grail of techniques! Sadly, business-minded gurus out there capitalize on and profit from such emotion.

Your time is better spent running closer to God and money better spent as God's perfect will directs!

Can dipping seven times in the Jordan River possibly be a scientific, medical cure for leprosy?

Of course not!

There's no healing agent in the Jordan River that works on leprosy when dipped in it seven times! It's a one-time spiritual cure prescribed for Naaman, performed by the power of God! So why would anyone try to repeat it over and over because it worked once for Elisha and Naaman in approx. 850 BC?

When you hear about a famous guy like an Elisha who cured a leper by having him dip seven times in the Jordan River, don't become a parrot squawking out the same ritual for yourself and to others! This is a testimony for the Glory of God, not a "hot" new technique or doctrine to try out on a leper colony!

What I'm saying applies to every other testimony pertaining to spiritual warfare and healing.

Now let me add that I'm not saying this can never happen again. When we read historic testimonies in God's Word and see, hear and experience them in our own lives, God is glorified and He may repeat the circumstances through us. IF He leads us through discernment or in the spirit to do something, it will work! It may not make sense, like dipping seven times in a river, but it will work. He may advise us in a certain circumstance, to repeat a testimony we heard about in the past to bring about victory. My experience has been it's usually a new, unheard of spiritual or physical way or combination of both to be done for the victory. This is how God does a miracle, to prove it's Him, not man's works or man's plans.

Look for God's plan before going into battle. If you're going to undertake deliverance of a person, then **BEFORE YOU START** find out from the Holy Spirit through discernment or seeing/going in the spirit how the battle with these particular evil spirits afflicting this particular person are to be dealt with. The same plan if you are dealing with a group of people and especially in dealing with a city and a nation!

Picture that you're a warrior on the battlefield frontline who must wait for directions from headquarters on when, where and how to attack the enemy and at what strength. If you're being attacked, ask God how to counterattack for the win... don't just blindly spit out some techniques... God knows where their weak spots are and how to exploit them! This goes for healing also! Headquarters has the big picture, as they know things that we don't know. When the plan comes, don't hesitate... **ACT!** Victory is the Lord's!

**A specific plan for victory is obtained from God to glorify HIM,  
not a person nor a technique!**