

Scriptures for Week 6

2 Kings 5:1-15: Naaman, commander of the army for the king of Aram, was a great man in his master's sight¹ and highly regarded because through him, the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man was a brave warrior, but he had a skin disease.² Aram had gone on raids and brought back from the land of Israel a young girl who served Naaman's wife.³ She said to her mistress, "If only my master would go to the prophet who is in Samaria, he would cure him of his skin disease."⁴ So Naaman went and told his master what the girl from the land of Israel had said.⁵ Therefore, the king of Aram said, "Go and I will send a letter with you to the king of Israel."

So he went and took with him 750 pounds⁶ of silver, 150 pounds of gold, and 10 changes of clothes.⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, and it read: When this letter comes to you, note that I have sent you my servant Naaman for you to cure him of his skin disease.⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and asked, "Am I God, killing and giving life that this man expects me to cure a man of his skin disease? Think it over and you will see that he is only picking a fight with me."

⁸ When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel tore his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Have him come to me, and he will know there is a prophet in Israel."⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house.

¹⁰ Then Elisha sent him a messenger, who said, "Go wash seven times in the Jordan and your flesh will be restored and you will be clean."

¹¹ But Naaman got angry and left, saying, "I was telling myself: He will surely come out, stand and call on the name of Yahweh his God, and will wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease.¹² Aren't Abana 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 left in a rage.¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more should you do it when he tells you, 'Wash and be clean'?"

¹⁴ So Naaman went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, according to the command of the man of God. Then his skin was restored and became like the skin of a small boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵ Then Naaman and his whole company went back to the man of God, stood before him, and declared, "I know there's no God in the whole world except in Israel. Therefore, please accept a gift from your servant."

Humility in God's Terms

James 4:6-10: But He gives greater grace. Therefore, He says: God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. ⁷ Therefore, submit to God. But resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, double-minded people! ⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep. Your laughter must change to mourning and your joy to sorrow. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Psalms 25:4-21: Make Your ways known to me, LORD; teach me Your paths. ⁵ Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; I wait for You all day long. ⁶ Remember, LORD, Your compassion and Your faithful love, for they have existed from antiquity. ⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my acts of rebellion; in keeping with Your faithful love, remember me because of Your goodness, LORD. ⁸ The LORD is good and upright; therefore He shows sinners the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. ¹⁰ All the LORD's ways show faithful love and truth to those who keep His covenant and decrees. ¹¹ Because of Your name, Yahweh, forgive my sin, for it is great. ¹² Who is the man who fears the LORD? He will show him the way he should choose. ¹³ He will live a good life, and his descendants will inherit the land. ¹⁴ The secret counsel of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He reveals His covenant to them. ¹⁵ My eyes are always on the LORD, for He will pull my feet out of the net. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am alone and afflicted. ¹⁷ The distresses of my heart increase; bring me out of my sufferings. ¹⁸ Consider my affliction and trouble, and take away all my sins. ¹⁹ Consider my enemies; they are numerous, and they hate me violently. ²⁰ Guard me and deliver me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in You. ²¹ May integrity and what is right watch over me, for I wait for You.

2 Chronicles 7:14: if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Romans 8:29: For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

2 Corinthians 3:18: We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come.

Romans 12:1-2: Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Romans 8:10-12: Now if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, then He who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through His Spirit who lives in you. ¹² So then, brothers, we are not obligated to the flesh to live according to the flesh,

1 Corinthians 10:11-13: Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Psalms 139:1-16: LORD, You have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I stand up; You understand my thoughts from far away. ³You observe my travels and my rest; You are aware of all my ways. ⁴Before a word is on my tongue, You know all about it, LORD. ⁵You have encircled me; You have placed Your hand on me.

⁶This extraordinary knowledge is beyond me. It is lofty; I am unable to reach it. ⁷Where can I go to escape Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸If I go up to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, You are there. ⁹If I live at the eastern horizon or settle at the western limits,^[a] ¹⁰even there Your hand will lead me; Your right hand will hold on to me. ¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me, and the light around me will be night”—¹²even the darkness is not dark to You.

The night shines like the day; darkness and light are alike to You. ¹³For it was You who created my inward parts;^[a] You knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴I will praise You because I have been remarkably and wonderfully made.^{[a][d]} Your works are wonderful, and I know this very well. ¹⁵My bones were not hidden from You when I was made in secret, when I was formed in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in Your book and planned before a single one of them began.

Transformation into His image by Promise

Romans 4:16: This is why the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace, to guarantee it to all the descendants—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of Abraham’s faith. He is the father of us all

Ezekiel 36:25-27: I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone[a] and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will place My Spirit within you and cause you to follow My statutes and carefully observe My ordinances.

2 Corinthians 5:21: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Ephesians 3:16-20: that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

2 Peter 3:18: But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.