

2 KINGS 7:1-11 – A STORY ABOUT 4 LEPERS

1 Elisha said, "Hear the word of the LORD. This is what the LORD says: About this time tomorrow, a seah of flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria."

2 The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, "Look, even if the LORD should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?" "You will see it with your own eyes," answered Elisha, "but you will not eat any of it!"

3 Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, "Why stay here until we die?"

4 If we say, 'We'll go into the city' --the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let's go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die."

5 At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, not a man was there,

6 for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!"

7 So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives.

8 The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp and entered one of the tents. They ate and drank, and carried away silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also.

9 Then they said to each other, "We're not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let's go at once and report this to the royal palace."

10 So they went and called out to the city gatekeepers and told them, "We went into the Aramean camp and not a man was there--not a sound of anyone--only tethered horses and donkeys, and the tents left just as they were."

11 The gatekeepers shouted the news, and it was reported within the palace.

LUKE 17:11-19 – A STORY ABOUT 10 LEPERS

11 Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.

12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance

13 and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

14 When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him--and he was a Samaritan.

17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"

18 Was no-one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

19 Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

JAMES 1:17 – A DIVINE REVELATION ABOUT GIFTS

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:7 – A QUESTION ABOUT ATTITUDE

What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

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GOOD-LUCK THEOLOGY

- ✓ ignorant and inconsiderate
- ✓ idolatrous
- ✓ insulting

GOOD-LORD THEOLOGY

- ✓ look for the blessings
- ✓ label the blessings
- ✓ lift up the Blessor