

## Bible Class Notes – Studies in 1 and 2 Kings – Lesson 125

### Sin and its Cure

**This week** – We see again that unbelief in God’s promises is both very sinful and very foolish.

The lepers said to one another,  
**“Why sit we here and die? ... Let us fall  
 (go) unto the host of Syria.”**     *2 Kings 7 vs 3,4*

#### Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	2 Kings 6v24-33 (Death and terrible famine in Samaria)	
Monday	2 Kings 7v1-20 (God provides, unbelief punished)	
Tuesday	Isaiah 49v1-13 (God’s People shall not hunger or thirst)	
Wednesday	Isaiah 55 (Seek ye the LORD, while He may be found)	
Thursday	Hebrews 3 (Hear His voice, harden not your hearts)	
Friday	Romans 4v1-5,13-25 (Abraham blessed because of his faith)	
Saturday	Hebrews 3v1-19 (Unbelief stops entry to Heaven)	

**Important Question for us Today.** Why do we reject God when it is obvious that He is the only source of eternal happiness and peace? Adam and Eve, at Creation, experienced and knew perfectly that all good came only from God, yet they wilfully chose to reject Him. In pride and unbelief, they refused to let God rule over them, thinking they could live as well, if not better, without Him and still be happy. But, instead of them being free to rule their lives, eternal peace was lost and they, and their descendants (us included) had the rule of God replaced by the rule of sin, self-will, death, and judgement. Sin became more alluring than obedience to God even though its’ pleasures are short lived, resulting in emptiness and soul thirsting. We have become incapable of desiring the return of God’s rule by our own will and are lost.....

Yet in mercy God has made a way through the Lord Jesus Christ whereby we sinners can be restored. See Ezekiel 36v26 **The Lord will give those who ask a new heart which can repent and believe.**

#### Hymn 119v1 – David’s Psalm extolling the Word of God as our essential guide in life.

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| 1. How blest are they who keep God’s Word,<br>And follow His commands;<br>With all their heart they seek the Lord,<br>And serve Him with their hands. | 2. O that the Lord would guide my ways<br>To keep His statutes still!<br>O that my God would grant me grace<br>To know and do His will!    |
| 3. How shall the young secure their hearts,<br>And guard their lives from sin?<br>Thy Word the only power imparts<br>To keep the conscience clean.    | 4. My lips with boldness shall declare<br>Thy statutes and Thy name;<br>I’ll speak Thy Word that all may hear<br>Of Thy great saving fame. |

## Refusing To Believe God’s Promises.

- **Starvation in Samaria.**
    - The Syrian army attacked Israel again, besieging Samaria, not allowing anyone, or anything, in or out. This led to the starvation of the people.    **2 Kings 6 v24-30**
  - **Starvation of the Soul.**
    - Spiritually, our souls live in a starvation zone, where we experience great hunger, with a lack of meaning to life - without purpose, satisfaction, and fulfilment.
    - Many crave satisfaction from alcohol, drugs, evil practices and sinful pleasures.
  - **Good News Scored.**
    - Elisha said, **“Tomorrow there would be abundant food for everyone.”**    **2 Kings 7 v1**
    - The King of Israel vented his rage on Elisha. One leader ridiculed Elisha.     **v2**
    - Elisha, **“Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.”** **v2**
  - **Good News Doubted By Us?**
    - Every week we offer you eternal blessings – sins forgiven, peace with God, Heaven. **But**, how do you treat God’s promises? Is it with open contempt?
  - **Plentiful Food Missed.**
    - **God intervened.** He sent the noise of an advancing army and the Syrians fled, leaving all their food and possessions behind. **But no one ventured out to check.**
  - **Heaven Missed By Us.**
    - **Like the Israelites**, preferring to hear any message, except the Gospel of Grace.
  - **Four Lepers Make A Surprising Discovery.**
    - **They approached the Syrian camp** hoping for food, **but** found it deserted.
  - **Spiritual Riches Discovered.**
    - The Lepers found food and treasure – all provided by the LORD. **Only The LORD** can satisfy the longing of our souls by bringing us to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.
  - **The Lepers Tell The Good News To The People of Samaria.**
    - It was just as Elisha had said, **“Tomorrow there will be abundant food.”** **2 Kings 7 v1**  
 King Joram still had a heart of unbelief and fear, yet he sent spies out to check.
  - **Christians Must Tell The Good News To Others.**
    - If we know the Lord Jesus as our Saviour then we will want to tell others.
  - **Unbelief Brings Death.**
    - Just as Elisha said, **“Thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but not eat thereof.”** **v2**
- What will we do with the Lord’s offer of peace?    Don’t delay until Judgement day. Now is the Day of Salvation. Acknowledge Him as your Sovereign Lord and Saviour.**

*Paul wrote about Abraham’s faith, “He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform.”*  
*Romans 4 v20-21*