

The Four Lepers God Used to Save His People

2 Kings Chapter 7

Today's lesson is from the Old Testament. It happened many years ago. This was before Jesus came to earth as a baby.

There was a famine in Samaria. That means there wasn't any food. People were starving.

One day Elisha made an announcement. Elisha was a man of God, and he proclaimed that God said there would be plenty of food in the land the very next day. One of the king's men didn't believe Elisha. The man asked if there would be food if God opened the windows of heaven. Elisha told that man since he didn't believe the words from God, the man would get to see it, but wouldn't get to eat any of the food.

Outside of Samaria there were four men sitting. They had a terrible disease called leprosy. It was very contagious. Nobody wanted to be around anyone with leprosy. They were outcasts.

Those men were hungry too. They talked among themselves. They said if we go in the city we will die from famine. If we stay here, we will die from starvation. The Syrians have a camp, and they have food maybe we should go there.

The Syrians were enemies of Samaria. Those four men knew if they went to the Syrians camp that they might be killed.

They decided to go to the Syrians camp. When they arrived at the camp no one was there. Do you know why? When those four men were walking to the camp, God made everyone in the camp hear the sound of chariots and horses. All the Syrians in the camp thought there was a great army coming against them. They all got scared and fled. They left in such a hurry that they left their tents and everything in the camp.

Those four men went from tent to tent and ate the food and carried out the silver and gold the Syrians had left. The men knew that it would be wrong to keep all

this for themselves. They went back to Samaria to tell the king what God had done.

At first the king didn't believe it. He thought maybe the Syrians were trying to trick him. He sent out some men and they saw what the four men said was true. The people from Samaria went to the Syrians camp and took all the food and everything they left behind back to Samaria.

Remember the man who didn't believe it when the Lord said there would be food in Samaria tomorrow? He saw all the food the people were bringing back. He never got to eat though, because he got trampled by the rush of people and died. God's word is true. He will do what He says. We must believe that.

God used the actions of four men to create a miracle. If they wouldn't have walked to the Syrian camp, Samaria wouldn't have gotten all that food. Those four men weren't the biggest and strongest. They were sick with leprosy and nobody even wanted them around, but God loved them and used them to save Samaria. God loves you and wants to do great things in your life.

Search: The four men walked to the enemy's camp and the Lord made the Syrians hear the sound of a mighty army. Find 2 horses, an apple, a spoon, a turkey leg, a fork, a fish, 2 slices of bread, a bowl, and a man hidden in the picture.



