

Greatness

2 Kings 5:1-14

Matthew 22:37 - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul, and with all your mind."

How do we measure greatness? More importantly, How does God measure greatness. Naaman was a valiant soldier in the army of Ay-Ram . . . But in spite of that, he had leprosy. He went through channels and finally reached Elijah with hope for a cure. By messenger, Elisha instructed him to go and dip seven times in the Jordan River, some 00 miles away. Outraged by such simple instructions, Naaman did not consider them "great" enough for a man of his position . . . And as for the Jordan River, it was way beneath the Rivers Ab-a-nah and Phar-par in his home country of Ay-Ram. Later when he was reasoned with, he reconsidered and obeyed . . . The end result was that he was cured after the seventh dip.

God gave us His greatest commandment: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. Could it be that our effectiveness, in obedience to these commands, be our true measure of greatness?

As ordinary people in everyday circumstances, we can produce powerful results when we obey God's simple commands. Mat we strive today to become all that God wants us to be and allow Him, and not the world, to determines our "greatness."

May His simple plan of salvation never the considered as being "beneath" us. May we be willing to do whatever God commands in spite of a worldly rationale that

- The commands are too simple and thereby "beneath" us.
- Surely God would require more that what the plain passages of the Bible convey for us to do.
- If we do not understand something . . . Or agree with something . . . We have the right to substitute what we both prefer and desire to do.

Remember, Naaman remained in his leprosy until he fulfilled ALL that God commanded him to do. Like wise, we will remain in our sins until we take ALL the simple steps commanded for obeying the Gospel. Are you ready to obey right now? **God's Plan for Man's Salvation**