

Ha Shalom
Is All Well?
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The question Ha Shalom (with an article before shalom becomes a question)

Ha Shalom, is all well? Are things well between you and the Lord? – is a question all Christians need to respond to.

In all Honesty -- **deep in the inner recesses of your heart, how are things between you and God?**

In other words, is Jesus an ever present Savior? Or at Sabbath sundown you say well thank you Lord for the day, now I am going to watch something you might feel uncomfortable with, so feliz semana, bye now.

Is he an ever present savior throughout the week, at home, at work, at school, on the ball field? This is the direction of this message, today.

Let me share with you the basic outline of a sermon.

- You have a title (at the end) the introductory sentence or paragraph tell the audience the direction of the sermon what you're going to say.
- The main body of the sermon is giving the message.
- The conclusion is telling the audience what you said.

That's the basic outline.

This message is based on the last 8 verses of 2 Kings 5:20-27. The focus will be mainly on Gehazi, the servant of the great prophet ELISHA. Next to the prophet, the servant of the prophet was a most prominent position. Remember Elisha was at one time the servant of Elijah. (1K.19:21)

(Elijah is translated, what an experience, chariots and horses of fire in a whirlwind (2k.2:11) speed? Sound, light, no, "thought", angel Gabriel to Daniel.) Marvelous!!

BUT

Elisha is my favorite prophet why not Elijah? Mt. Carmel, translated as representative of all those translated in the end time, appears with Moses to comfort Jesus, John the Baptist came in his Spirit as will the remnant in our days.

Here is why. Elisha is my favorite, not only was he a farmer plowing with a team of 12 oxen,

But this great leader became ill, maybe cancer--- he prayed for healing but at the end of much suffering, he died of that illness. 2 Kings.13:14, 20.

Never complaining he remained faithful--- though he slay me – yet will I serve Him...

He performed miracle upon miracle, more than Elijah he prayed for the Shunem's women son, he was resurrected,

Did God not hear his prayer for his own healing?

He did and he answered. (Ps. 91:17.)

Are we ill? Does he hear us? Yes, a 1000 times YES, YES, YES. He is with us in our time of trouble. He holds the cup of suffering as we at times have to drink the bitter drink. Only believe. Trust and rest in His promises of His glorious kingdom just don't give up. Others saints have gone before you. Be faithful. We will have a call and elders will anoint you and pray at end of this service.

The story continues in 3 different places 3 different scenes.

- I. ACT 1. Vr. 20 the mind of Gehazi. The curtain is drawn and the author let us see what this man is thinking.

- II. ACT 2. Vr.21. On the road, in the open, in broad day light.
- III. ACT 3. Vr. 24. in the house of Elisha.

Scene 1. What Gehazi is thinking. This is revealed by God. We are not privy to this. We cannot pretend to know what others are thinking or feeling. Dominating personalities. (Husband and wives) we judge 666. We criticize 666. (SDA 666) Heb. 4:12, 13.

ACT 1, somebody is not at peace here, someone is not happy with the way the story is playing out, someone wants to change the ending of this script. And he is justifying things so he can act.

First, my master, has sinned, not thinking right, maybe he is overwhelmed with the success of the miracle.

Second, we have schools to construct, 3, we have needy students, 4, THIS SYRIAN, smacks of prejudice.

Prejudice is bad, nasty, it clogs the mind. You don't like a certain person for real reasons, Jesus loves him.

You don't like a certain religion, God does. He died for them and has hope for them Isa. 19:20-24

5. This Syria came ready to pay and with great money.

6. This money was stolen from us in the first place.

7. From a human point of view there is no reason for not taking this money.

So as God lives, I will run, run not walk and get some money.

So as God lives. Dangerous, read Hosea 4:15, 2. If you think that the way you think is the way God thinks, wow you're in real trouble. Mind is deceitful and Satan will dominate you as he did almost 1/2 of the holy angles of heaven.

AS the Lord lives, have you read this before in this chapter? Look at verse 16, is there any difference here and in verse 20. As the Lord lives **BEFORE WHOM I STAND.**

ACT 2. Vrs. 21. To change the ending of the story, Gehazi is running after Naaman. Naaman stops and alights off his chariot, humility, true evidence of conversion.

And he asks is all well, Ha Shalom, are you at peace.

This is the question we all need to respond to -----**are we at peace with the Lord?**

Gehazi said yes, he should have stopped to think and not responded.

He was not at peace. If we would have asked Naaman ha Shalom? he would have said, "I have found the prince of Peace and I have His peace."

ACT 3. In the House of Elisha. Vr. 24

Where are you coming from? I have not gone anywhere. He was right, greed does not take us anywhere. He lies again.

Naaman is on the right road, Gehazi is not.

Poor Gehazi, from here on out he is not mentioned anymore.

He goes after Naamans money, and he gets his leprosy. And his family suffers the consequences of his sin.

Do you have Shalom?

How is the Shalom in your home?

Shalom is grace from the lord, it is pardon, forgiveness it is power, love and a balanced mind. Ha shalom.