

Lies Will Be Exposed

2 Kings 5:15-27

1. A New Gentile _____ (v. 15-19)
 - a. Brought into the _____
 - i. _____ from leprosy
 - ii. Able to _____ before God's prophet
 - b. _____ from his offended anger
 - i. Now "identifies" as "your _____"
 - ii. Submits to _____'s authority
 - c. Confessed _____ in the LORD
 - i. There is only _____ God
 - ii. Desire to _____ the LORD
 - d. Committed to _____ worship
 - i. Building an _____ to the LORD in Syria
 - ii. Requesting _____ for workplace paganism
 1. Sensitivity _____ in Israel
 2. Neither condemned nor _____
 - e. Served as condemnation to _____
 - i. In his _____ confession
 - ii. In his submission to Elisha and the _____
 - iii. In his commitment to proper _____
2. An Exposed Israelite _____ (v. 20-27)
 - a. _____ broken left and right
 - i. _____ commandment – swore by God to sin
 1. With intent of rank _____
 2. With intent of _____ gain
 - ii. _____ commandment – lied repeatedly
 - iii. _____ commandment – coveted wealth
 - b. No consideration of God's _____
 - c. Undermined the teaching of God's _____
 - i. Directly – Contradicted Elisha's _____
 - ii. Indirectly – Contradicted _____ grace

For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:8-9

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

“And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard these things, all the in the synagogue were filled with wrath.

Luke 4:27-28

Follow-Up Quote

“Elisha confronts Gehazi by asking where he has been. Once more Gehazi lies, but this time he has lied to a man who knows he has lied. After reminding Gehazi of his special spirit, he rebukes him for accepting money for a healing ministry. Then Elisha pronounces a strict judgment. Gehazi will inherit Naaman’s leprosy, just as Naaman seems to have inherited Gehazi’s faith. One man goes away healed because of his obedience, while the other man, indeed the one who should have known what matters most, walks away with leprosy. Yet another Israelite has made the tragic mistake of choosing a substitute for the Lord, while a Gentile convert has discovered that what his servant girl said about the Lord’s prophet is true.”

(Paul R. House, *The New American Commentary: 1, 2 Kings*, 1995, p. 274)