



Godly, Greedy & Grateful

Hurrying Down to Disaster #8

2nd Kings 5:15-27

Those who passionately seek to know & serve the Living God — those working to make themselves godly & grateful — are wise. Those who seek other things as matters of higher & prior importance are less so, often tragically less so.

2nd Kings 5 - Three Main Characters whom we might call...

1. Godly (Elisha)

- *The glory & blessing of Godliness is a life lived according to the presence, power & goodness of God.*

2. Greedy (Gehazi)

- *The great problem with Greed is not a too-great interest in money and possessions but a too-little interest in God.*

3. Grateful (Naaman)

- *Gratitude is a sign of human health & wisdom & accompanies godliness offering strong evidence of one's progress in faithful living.*

Additional Notes:

"The world says: "You have needs - satisfy them. You have as much right as the rich and the mighty. Don't hesitate to satisfy your needs; indeed, expand your needs and demand more." This is the worldly doctrine of today. And they believe that this is freedom. The result for the rich is isolation and suicide, for the poor, envy and murder."

- Fyodor Dostoyevski, The Brothers Karamazov



Pieter de Grebber: Elisha Refusing the Gifts of Naaman (1637)

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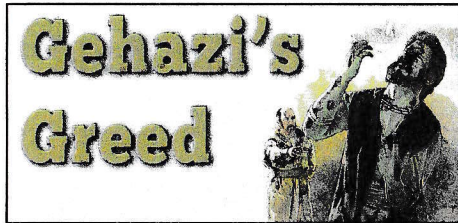
Reno, Nevada

July 21, 2024

Service for The Lord's Day

July 21, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

But he (Elisha) said, "As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused... Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "See, my master has spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not accepting from his hand



what he brought. As the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him."

- 2 Kings 5:16 & 20

We Gather before the Face of God—Father, Son & Holy Spirit

Prelude Nancy Tedford, piano

Greetings & Church Family News Pastor Jay Hull

We Worship the One & Only God in All the Earth

***Call to Worship** Psalm 91 (hymnal p.817) Ryan Ludwig

***Opening Hymn of Praise** "Holy, Holy, Holy" #100

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21 (p.871) Isaac Ludwig

Children's Prayer Time Katie Guerrero

Prayer of Confession, Assurance & Gloria Patri (#734)

Time of Offering

Special Music Gerry & Janet Dunlap

"Keep Me Near the Old Rugged Cross"

***Doxology (#731) & Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We Hear God's Word & Respond in Faith

O.T. Reading 2 Kings 5:15-27 (p.311) Olivia Ludwig

***Hymn of Preparation** #561

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

Message: Godly, Greedy & Grateful Pastor Jay Hull

(Hurrying Down to Disaster within the Sovereign God's Plan of Redemption #7)

We Go in Peace, Pursuing Godliness with Gratitude

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

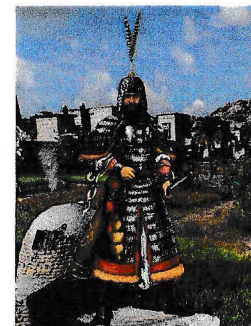
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn of Praise** #26

"Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude** Nancy Tedford, organ



"Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant." (2 Kings 5:15)

*indicates to stand if you are able