

## PREACHING No.22: THE EXPERIENCE OF THE JORDAN

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[Text of the sermon: 2 Kings 5:1-27] ... I hear more and more that the political dignitaries and authorities appeal secretly some prophets, pastors and presidents of churches, and these lay their hands on them in order that they may be appointed to ministerial positions or maintained at their positions or to find grace and favor with the President of the Republic, ministers and others. If your business is not going well, if you have failures in life, if you want promotion in your job, for marriage, if you want to enter a new house or to cast the spell on it out ... whether you're christian or not, refer to the current prophets or pastors and they will do what you want! What's this? The Bible says in Rev.12:7-9 and Isaiah 14 that there was war in heaven because Satan wanted to be worshipped like God. Satan said: *"I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit upon the mount of assembly ... I will be like the Most High ..."*. The angels of God then fought against Satan and his angels and cast them on earth. Billions of angels were cast on earth and went and hid behind sacred waters, stars, forests and groves, feasts, mystical orders in all countries. Instead of "demons" or "fallen angels" they were called in Africa: geniuses benefactors. And these geniuses aroused powerful fetish priests. They were worshipped and their first desire was thus achieved. The most powerful among them were actual gods, especially in Egypt, with the Incas, in Babylonia, India and others. According to Rev.14:6-8, the Gospel was ordering mankind to turn away from these demons. For the first time, we knew that the fetish priest, the soothsayer, the astrologer was a prophet of Satan. After the kings, it was the fetish priests and marabouts who lived a comfortable life: black goats, sheep, white chickens, bottles of liquor ... Some political dignitaries and authorities appeal them secretly for appointments to ministerial positions and others or for keeping them up in these positions. If your business is not going well, if you have failures in marriage, in your job, school, for promotion in your job, your house is haunted or bewitched ... refer to these fetish priests, charlatans or marabouts! And see today these prophets, how well they live! They are disguised fetish priests, without exception. The altars and high places of 2 Kings 17:29-31, the same altars of 1 Kings 11:5-7 have become churches, missions and ministries today. And when the State gives its approval to any of these churches, missions and ministries, it's fetishism that is legalized. And now you hear at their manifestations: *"Under the patronage of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the effective presence of the Holy Spirit ..."*. You see? And I have been told that somewhere, they set up an armchair of honour with a white cloth on it. You modern fetish priests, remember that, when these same geniuses that you call Jesus Christ or holy spirits were in the bush, your parents have acted so, setting up stools and chairs with white cloths over. You should not ignore it...

Well, now let's read 2 Kings 5 [Ed: Brother Philip reads the entire chapter] ... well! Through a girl, the defense minister of Syria goes to Israel to the prophet Elisha, the only true prophet of his time to get the healing of his leprosy. First Minister Naaman goes to the king of Israel to receive an official welcome with military honours in order that the media should broadcast that. They made it an official thing! Then see verse 9, Minister Naaman heading towards the small house of the prophet Elisha with tanks, horses, units of elites, battalions of armoured tanks, armoured squadrons. All this to say to the prophet Elisha that the one who was coming was not just anybody. People came on the roadside to watch the passing cortege with sirens and the parade of the motorcycle escort ... Not to mention the speech he should deliver, declaring the six thousand pieces of gold and ten million francs as he has always done in the other churches under applauses. From a distance, they heard sirens, then the motorcycle escort made its appearance, Minister Naaman and all the regiment were no longer far ... They came and stood outside waiting for honours from Elisha but they got to the wrong prophet. You see? When Naaman arrived at the house of Elisha, he said to himself in his heart: *"But where are the decorations in relation with my arrival? Or else it is not here?"*. It was indeed! [Ed: The congregation says "Amen!"]. You see? Elisha saw outside a poor Syrian blinded by the riches and glories of this world and to whom the torments of hell were reserved if he did not repent. Elisha saw the leprosy of his body, his soul and spirit and the remedy was the experience of the Jordan. Elisha felt behind that soldier uniform or that jacket the stench of corruption. That's it! Naaman also wanted the honours of this solitary prophet but Elisha sent a messenger to tell him: *"Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean."* He felt angry! He began to understand that he Naaman, the great servant of the little Syria was nothing before the little servant of the great God. "How can he tell me to go and throw myself in a muddy water like the Jordan! The Pharpar and Abanah, rivers of Syria are they no better?; He said:" was it planned that he might baptise me? ... And the prophet himself, he does not come and it is a little disciple that he sends? "His servants said: *"Master, accept! ..."* He said: they have not even planned uniforms for the baptism! His servants repeated: *"Master, accept! ..."* You see? He needed healing but he wanted a great healing. Naaman was not even ready to kneel because his dress might get dirty at the knees. He said: was it planned that I do this? Was it planned that I do that? His servants said: *"My father, [if] the prophet had bidden thee [do some] great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he says to thee, Wash and be clean? ....* See verse 11: *"And Naaman was wrath, and went away and said, Behold, I thought, He will certainly come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of Jehovah his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper."* You see? When coming, Naaman had already made the plan of his welcome and his healing. But ... Being in Syria, if he knew that he Naaman would be treated like a mere person, he would not come. Oh! Poor Naaman! But finally, he washed seven times in the Jordan and the leprosy left him and he was clean. He returned to Elisha who preached the midnight Cry to him after what, he said to Elisha that he will no longer offer holocaust to other gods, in any church. He had changed, he no longer wanted welcoming speeches, welcoming armchair because he had experienced the Jordan ... Oh, the experience of the Jordan!

In verse 9, Naaman wanted to stand in the pulpit to deliver his speech in which he would declare the six thousand pieces of gold and ten million of silver and intention to tar the village of Elisha and send electricity there, drinking water and maternity hospital. Despite the realities, he would show good relations that exist between Israel and Syria. You see? He could say: *"... Me, humble Naaman, defense minister of Syria, three times award of the Medal of Honour ... Knight of the Order of Merit of such and such country! ..."*. You see? He lacked only one thing: *the experience of the Jordan*. He wanted fame and human greatness, not Salvation! The true leprosy of that minister, it was his stripes, his wealth, his tanks and his

luxurious house which made him believe that he was something. You see? Naaman said in verse 11 that he thought the prophet would come himself and ask him whether a three-day dry fasting or a great offering. That is why, he had prepared six million, he knew that prophets liked money. The prophets of Pharpar and Abanah churches. But after the experience of the Jordan, he said: *"I will no longer subsidize or patronize anything, even if it must cost me the position of minister, M.P., mayor ... I will no longer go and lay first stones disorderly ..."*.

Mankind wants Pharpar churches with clean beaches but what they need, it is the experience of a Message. After the experience of the Jordan, Minister Naaman made himself servant of Elisha, repeating five times that he is the servant of Elisha. For the first time this wretch realized that there were two worships, two types of churches and prophets. In verse 10, Naaman had not understood that he was inferior to the messenger of Elisha but now he understood it. Naaman saw now that the kings, ministers, M.Ps, mayors, pastors, priests, prophets, reverends and presidents of the earth needed the experience of the Jordan. You see? Behind this authoritarian and arrogant man behind this vain glory and riches, was hidden a child of God, a humble man that society had destroyed. A society that itself does not know but Pharpar churches and reverends Gehazi ...

Sir Minister, M.P., Mayor, when you the others, you will have an honorable place in a church, when you will be to inaugurate or to patronize a religious activity, if you accept it, then the leprosy of Naaman is on you and you need the experience of the Jordan. If you go to church to seek the suffrage for the elections, if you make donations to the church to gain the favor of men then the leprosy of Naaman is on you and they are Pharpar churches and reverend Gehazi is the pastor. If in the congregation, the pastor has a special seat, it's not the Jordan. Could Jesus be distinguished from his disciples? Did not Judas say: *"Whomsoever I shall kiss, he it is "*. Is the servant greater than the master? The children of the devil are now sitting on Jesus' colt. You, prophets and presidents of churches descend and come to the Jordan! Leave the comfortable beaches of Pharpar and Abanah! This church where the wife of the man of God is sitting there on the platform, before the congregation, it's the Pharpar and reverend Gehazi is the pastor. You see? That is from the time of Ahab, with the prophets of Baal and it is Jezebel who told her daughters to do that way as she herself sits on the royal throne when Ahab is not there. Only a great grand-daughter of Jezebel can sit there in front of men, without being disturbed in her heart. Daughters of harlots, impudent as their mothers! You see? A Pharpar church can do that and reverend Gehazi is the pastor. That church with air conditioning, carpet, which allows television, theater, football, beaches, ... it is the Pharpar and reverend Gehazi is the pastor. That church where women are seated with false hair, trousers, nail polishes, ... where women are in the pulpit for preaching or songs, it is the Pharpar and Gehazi is the pastor. That church whose pastor has the big Mercedes, the Patrol, BMW, it is the Pharpar and Elisha preached against that in verse 26. They have transportation coaches and taxis, shares in companies, foundations, ... Elisha condemned that in verse 26, they are the children of Gehazi and Elisha preached the midnight Cry to them. What they need it is the experience of the Jordan. Naaman the defense minister wanted a church where his cell phone could ring during the preaching, where the preaching is not against luxury and leisure, where tourism is not condemned, a church to his liking where he will be baptised in a swimming pool or a baptistery.

In reality, Naaman was seeking one of these fetish priests in jackets with bibles in hand but he came across a true prophet of Jesus Christ.

When you go to a prayer vigil of these fetish priests, whether you're a catholic, protestant or evangelical or branhamist church it does not matter, explain your problem! But Elisha required the experience of the Jordan first, yes! The experience of the Jordan. He preached the midnight Cry to that minister! Ladies and gentlemen the ministers, M.Ps, mayors, directors, presidents, ... do you want to be healed of leprosy, cancer, ulcers, AIDS? Descend first in the Jordan! Search for the experience of the Jordan! If a man says himself man of God and that he consents to pray circumventing the experience of Jordan, he is a fetish priest! Some authorities request prayers from these "prophets" at their homes in secret, often in the room for an appointment. Instead of white kids or black chickens, they ask them fasts and see how these so-called prophets get fat exactly like the fetish priests of the village, with luxurious houses and cars, American jackets instead of sheepskins. Is it not the prophets, spokesmen of God, who taught you that gold and silver belong to God and that these same prophets after the example of Elijah and John the Baptist clothed with animals' skins? You see? You preach another gospel and the children of Elisha will refuse that!

And will I leave the blessed and relaxing forest that saw me born to go on vacation in Europe? No, [...] we will never accept subsidies, we will never ask for subsidies and patronage of a man. We will never accept the collaboration and friendship of a church. Experience the Jordan first! A president or a minister will never invite us to the same table with you! Nobody will invite us to the same table with the catholics, baptists, foursquares, assemblies of gods, pentecostals ... let them search for the experience of the Jordan first! ...

Even for the illness of my father or my mother, I will help him to descend into the Jordan first. It would be an iniquity for me to pray for them while they still pray the baptist, pentecostal, branhamist, CMA, revival, adventist, catholic, nazarene gods ... While they let themselves be laid the hands on by these fetish priests in jacket, they run to their prayer vigils. You see? They must tie off with the pastors and Pharpar churches. I have no power but it is in confirmation of this Message that God has granted gifts and graces to me and I will never pray for someone outside of this Message for fear that he believes it is the Jesus Christ who his church worships, who healed him, unless I see a vision. We shall give an account to God for the use of all that He has given us.

When Naaman was healed, he realized that there was no God except the One of Elisha and that he would never go and bow down to another one. How would I pray for a catholic or a methodist who cares for his god? May God keep me from it! How shall I pray for someone who says: *"church it's church, it's the same [god]?"* Neither for my father nor for my mother will I do it, unless God opens their minds to understand that! And if we get weaker, may God sustains us!

Does not the Bible say in Deuteronomy 13:1 that there arises a prophet performing miracles or giving true revelations and that he says: "Let's go to the baptist, foursquare, pentecostal, assembly of gods church... let's go to such churches, missions or ministries ... other gods" do not go there? Are not these churches the high places of 2 Kings 17:29-31 and gods Dagon Adrammelech, Baal, Rimmon, Baal-Zebub, Chemosh, Moloch, ... are they not all called Jesus Christ today? And did not God send this message to unveil them? Did not the Bible say in Matth.24:24 there shall arise false christs from the abyss? How can anyone pretend himself prophet (Hebrew: nabia = spokesman) while he has no message and he begins to perform miracles to confirm what? How can a prophet found a church, mission or ministry instead of bringing a divine Message? They are soothsayers and fetish priests even if they are in jacket with bibles. There are not two Elishas or two Jordans. They are all fetish priests and the fasts that they ask you for are an image of the black kid or white chicken. For the elect, the real Naamans, the Bible says in Matthew 25:6 and Revelation 12:14-17 that a Message will come and take them away from seduction ... away from catholic, protestant, evangelical, missions, ministries and branhamist churches... away from these false prophets. On the day of the judgment, you will not be able to say you were not warned!

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