

“IS IT TIME TO RECEIVE MONEY?*
Or the Misrepresentation of God”
2 Kings 5:15 – 27

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| 1. THE OFFERING . . . “Please take a present” | 15 |
| 2. THE REFUSING . . . “I will take nothing” | 16 |
| 3. THE SCHEMING . . . “I will run after him and take something” | 20 -- 22 |
| 4. THE TAKING . . . “He took them from their hand” | 23, 24 |
| 5. THE LYING . . . “Your servant went nowhere” | 25 |
| 6. THE REBUKING . . . “Is it time to receive money” | 26 |
| 7. THE JUDGING . . . “The leprosy of Naaman shall cleave to you” | 27 |

God had healed Naaman as a free gift, Gehazi misrepresented God by asking for silver.

“For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act;
For how can My name be profaned?
And My glory I will not give to another . . .
‘For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.’”
Isaiah 48:11; Romans 2:24

TIMELESS PRINCIPLES:

God gives gifts, especially salvation, without charge – Ephesians 2:8, 9; Acts 8:20

God is great and is not served by man – Isaiah 45:21, 22; Acts 17:24, 25

Man is dependant on God – Colossians 2:13, 14; Jonah 2:9

Be careful, to misrepresent God, is to minimize His glory – 3 John 7; Isa 48:11, Rom 2:24

Be careful, “the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil” – 1 Timothy 6:10

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