

WHY SIT WE HERE UNTIL WE DIE?

TEXT: II Kings 7:3

INTRO:

A. The context:

1. Benhadad (son of Hadad) king of Syria set up a blockade around the city of Samaria, which resulted in a famine.
 - a. Benhadad (son of Hadad) seems to be a descendent of Esau.
 - b. The allegiance of the flesh, even the most noble will always bring a famine in your life.
2. Two lepers set outside the city gate starving.
 - a. They were as good as dead and dying because of their Leprosy - So they sat OUTSIDE the gate.
 - b. They were out starving because of the sore famine (II Kings 6:25-30).
 - c. There was no one to help them or give them alms.
3. The moving question: "Why sit we here until we die?" (II Kings 7:3-4).

B. Lessons that can be drawn from this account:

1. Here we have a good picture of the sinner's responsibility in salvation.
2. All things are against you (the flesh, the world, your own sinful condition) why sit there until you die?

I. LIKE THESE LEPERS, SINNERS ARE UNDER A DEATH SENTENCE.

A. These lepers were under a death sentence because of their nature (Leviticus 13:45-46).

1. As Lepers these men were separated from Israel and all the blessings of God.
2. So is the sinner (Eph. 2:1; 12; Rom. 6:23).

B. These lepers were under a death sentence because of the famine (II Kings 7:4-5).

1. These lepers were certain to die of starvation.
2. So is the sinner without Christ (Jn. 6:47-58).

II. LIKE THESE LEPERS, SINNERS THAT REMAIN WHERE THEY ARE WILL CERTAINLY DIE.

A. These lepers came to see that if they remained where they would die.

1. The distresses of their condition burdened them down.
2. They knew that they had no hope where they were (II Kings 7:4).

B. Sinner if you stay where you are you will also DIE in your sins.

1. You are already condemned to die (Jn. 3:18, 36).
2. If you stay (rest) in the world, in sin, in the flesh, in your works, in your efforts - You will certainly die.
 - a. None of your effort will help your condition (Galatians 2:16).

III. LIKE THESE LEPERS, THE ONLY HOPE FOR SINNERS IS SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

A. The only hope that these lepers had was something different (II Kings 7:4-5).

1. They had NO PROMISE of anything different!
 - a. Yet they arose and went to see if they could find some help for their condition.

B. The only hope that sinners have is something different.

1. BUT LISETEN - The lepers had no PROMISES of anything better - BUT THE SINNER DOES!
2. The distressed, burdened sinner has many promises (Matt. 11:28; Jn. 3:14-15; 5:24; 6:40; 20:30).

IV. LIKE THESE LEPERS, GOD WORKED AHEAD OF TIME ON BEHALF OF SINNERS.

A. God took care of everything these lepers needed BEFORE they knew that they would have such provision (II Kings 7:6-8).

B. So God HAS provided all things that the sinner needs.

1. Jesus is our salvation (Acts 4:10-12; I Cor. 1:30-31).

V. LIKE THESE LEPERS A DAY OF GOOD TIDINGS COMES WHEN THE SINNER ARISES AND GOES TO THE PLACE OF BLESSING (II Kings 7:9)

A. These lepers found much more than they expected - So does the sinner.

B. There is good news today! The good news of the gospel - D.B.R!

Con:

A. Sinner why sit there till you die - eternal death?

B. Arise! And Go to Jesus!