

The Captains

Youth for Christ

Carstairs

May 27/46

Message provided - please

Time for clear simple death of truth - world coming to shadow - Church must die

1. Real joy see you men, women welcome Y.C. to Carstairs tonight! Apprec. priv. given to fellowship. spend this 99 minutes with. Now suppose get acquainted. What Carstairs people like? A little better looking than Calif. folk..but otherwise much the same. Ev'where go find two kinds. Illus:- "I'm a little buttercup"..Drunk.."I'm a little gutterpup". Both here? Which admire most? Best citizens? Trust? Want in home? Y. C. Sweeping world today..make more buttercups..less gutterpups..Young men, women clean, wholesome, pure..save from some of foul ditches, gutters evil powers dug, slimed. 2. To illus. what mean..want tell 5 simple things about one of most famous men of his day. In reign of Ben-Hadad II about 840 B.C..Syria. Simply known to us as "Naaman the Syrian". Christ Himself thought worthy of note..named Luke 4:27. Remarkable story of career in II. Kings 5. Pick out highlight (a). "Naaman was a great man". Captain in rank. Honourable mention. Mighty in valour.."V.C." awarded. Key-man upon which conflict for Sria's indep, pivoted. Peak of glory..fame (b). But second fact..vs 1. "He was a leper". A great man..but a leper! Serious defect. Somewhere picked up foul, incurable, horrible disease. One day found..wife..doctor..How heart sank! Hopless, helpless, doomed..career ruined. You know..that is story of mankind. Adam was great man..glorious psyche..owned world..but one day contracted that awful spiritual disease..SIN..plagued world ever since..incurable from human viewpoint..dooming the soul of ev. man. Men may be great today..nothing wrong, with that..but ev. man is sinner..marred, stained, soiled, spoiled. So we read those searching questions..Job. 14:4 "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?" Job 25:4 "How can a man be justified with God? How can he be clean that is born of a woman?" Ps. 119:9 "Howewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?" Prob. N. faced in physical..leprosy..is ev. man's prob. in spiritual..SIN. Ps. 24:4. "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart". (c) Third fact..vs 11. "Naaman was wroth". Why? Been sent to prophet Elisha..told wash in Jordan 7 times. Angry! "Behold I thought". Had own idea how get clean. Angry! Not want do it that way. Some today angry when God tells how get clean. Have own ideas how get rid of sin..Church, priest, creed, reform, baptized, catechized..turn from truth..angry. You? (d). Fourth fact..vs 14.. He was obedient! Grand part of story! Wise servant..advised kindly. Naaman said:- "Too easy". Servant:- "But if right..wise thing to obey implicitly"

Look at your feet!

May He draw into heart - Don't let anything weigh against - Only consid - Face this 1st!

So Naaman did what God told him to...Just that..No more, less. THAT WAS FAITH! Willing abandon all..lean only on God's Word And God hasn't changed. He asks every man, woman do that. (e). Fifth and last..blessed word..Vs 14.."HE WAS CLEAN". every trace of disease left..whole..perfect..acceptable. Not because did something to earn, buy, merit..He simply obeyed voice of God..Sure result was fulfill of what prom. When God promises..THAT CANNOT FAIL OF FULFILLMENT!

3. Now let me complete that picture of humanity as drawn in life story this man. He was great..so man is God's great handiwork. He was a leper..so men have sinned, and that sin working spiritual death, doom. He was wroth..so men seek some way of own out of prob. of sin, angry so often..He was obedient..so untold millions chosen obey God's Word, found God able, willing to cleanse from all sin. He was clean.. How men be cleansed from sin? Here is another leper.. Matt. 8:2. "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand and touched him, saying, I will, be thou clean". Jesus Christ made lepers clean. That same Christ can make the sinner clean..I. John 1:7. "The Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

His death on Calvary atoned..His blood paid sin\*price.. 4. This is most personal story. Young man, woman..this is your story. How far have you gone? May be great, at least potentially..You have sinned..<sup>FATAL FLAW</sup> much that you know, more that you don't know, but that God does? NOW, you have heard Word of God..way of cleansing..by blood of Christ..John 3:16.. Stand at decision point..Which? Angry..or Obedient? Does devil tempt tonight to turn away, as Naaman? Let me take servant's place..advise you do just what God says..no more, no less. Take God at Word. Claim His unfailing promise to wipe out every sin-stain..make His child..cleanse from all sin! John 5:24. How many?? Illus:- Who does God love.. Rom. 3:12....Rom. 5:8

*Jesus: Wash legs & 4th finger - He laid on my. Dr. Phipps from now*

What about X'ns? God's call..out and out for X. Live for Him..Face issue of life tonight. Naaman went on to serve.. Fill in..Phil 1:21.

*Jesus - X'ns not allowed - Informed of health crisis - det. - Jesus' back - "Oh! Jesus in back room" - after sent you.*

*L.A. - Jan 26/47  
Ed Dear - Jan 19/47*

*Phoebe - 7/49  
Pleas. Place B. Camp - Pigeon Bl. Feb. 8/47*

*Edm. F.B.C. - Dec 29/46 - 1 soul*

*Vulcan Conf. June 27/48 - 7 souls*

*Walesville - July 4/46 - 2 souls*

*Whitland Beach Camp - July 23/49 - 2 souls*

*Imperial B.C. - June 28/46 - 1 soul*

*Delia - May 17/49  
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