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Topic: Prophets of Fire and Water: Faithless to the End

Scripture text: 2 Kings 7:1-20

- 1. Elisha made a prophecy that the economic status of famine-struck Israel will be restored back to normal overnight. A faithless lord did not believe him and thought it was impossible for there to be an abundance of food overnight. God is able to protect and provide for us and our faith in Him and His promises must not waver even in trying moments.
- 2. Four lepers went to the Syrian camp in hope of finding food, which they eventually did. By the power of God, He made the Syrian camp think that Israel was going to attack them and they left in a haste, leaving behind an abundance of food and possessions. God worked in the hearts of the lepers and they were courageous to bring the good news to the city of Samaria. We must certainly believe that the LORD is the Almighty and merciful God, who is also our Deliverer.
- 3. When the king of Israel heard the good news, he thought it might be a trap set up by the Syrians. Instead of praising God for delivering them from famine, he was doubtful. It was by the good hand of God that Israel was delivered from famine and Elisha's prophecy came to pass. However, the king of Israel did not praise God, neither did he repent of his faithlessness. He was faithless to the end. During this time of coronavirus, Christians must walk in faith, conduct ourselves in a godly manner and use this opportunity to witness for the Lord.