



"...WE REMAIN SILENT."

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King Ben-Hadad of Syria, went up to fight Samaria. The king gathers his army and besieges the city. He prevented any food from entering the city. A great famine was in the land and food was so scarce that mothers were eating their children! (2 Kings 6:24-29)

Four leprous men were sitting at the entrance of the gate. "...Why are we sitting here until we die? If we say, 'We will enter the city,' the famine is in the city and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die." {2 Kings 7:3,4} In other words--what did they have to lose?

However, they received a surprise entering the camp of the Syrians. No one was there! The Lord had caused them to flee in the night, leaving the camp intact. Tents, animals and food was left behind. What did they do? Going from tent to tent, they ate and drank, also taking silver and gold to hide for themselves. What a wonderful turn of events.

Yet, after a period of time the consciences of these men started bothering them. "...We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news, and we remain silent. If we wait until morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore, come, let us go and tell the king's household" {2 Kings 7:9}

Remember, the city of Samaria was in the midst of a great famine. Now with the Syrians gone, the danger was over. Food and supplies are just outside the gate. Why not share their good fortune with the Samaritans? If they delayed, it might have cost them their lives. So they told the king, and the people plundered the tents of the Syrians.

Let us consider some questions: Are your sins forgiven? Do you know the saving gospel of Christ? Do you know Christ died for all men? Passages like Acts 22:16, Romans 1:16, and Hebrews 2:9 give us our correct answers.

We know Christ died to give all men the same opportunity for salvation. WHY DO WE REMAIN SILENT? If I have the "good news" about Christ, and take no time to share that with others. Am I not just like the leprous men of 2 Kings 7?

Brethren, do you tell your friends and neighbors about the Christ? Do you tell your immediate family about His sacrifice on the cross for them? Do we seek for ways of sharing this saving message with others? Could it be we are selfish with this wonderful news? Could it be we are too busy to share the "story of Jesus and His love?" Do we speak or do we remain silent?