

# Why SIT Here Until We DIE?

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## THE LORD'S FLOCK GROW DIGEST

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Our country today is under siege. There is corruption among the people who were sworn to protect and serve; they desire to steal and destroy lives. The effects redound to the poor and the disenfranchised. We need preachers and witnesses willing to testify to the truth. We need to stop procrastinating. We need to move forward to share the message given by our Lord.

### 1. Message of Hope and Life

1.1. Amidst the backdrop of famine in Samaria, Elisha conveyed a message of hope from the Lord: "About this time tomorrow, a seah **of the** finest flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs **of** barley for a shekel" (2 Kings 7:20-21).

1.2. We will not necessarily like everything that the Lord tells us; He may reproof or correct us. But we should hold on to what is good. "Do not treat prophecies with contempt, but test them all: hold on to what is good" (1 Thess. 5:20-21).

### 2. "Why are we sitting here until we die?" (2K. 7:3).

2.1. Lepers were outcasts from society. They were deformed and considered unclean; they were required to live outside the camp until declared clean/ healed by the High Priest. There were four lepers at the entrance to the city gate who asked themselves, "Why are we sitting here until we die?"

2.2. Our sins are like leprosy; we do not notice our sin getting bigger until it consumes us. The corrupt government officials have become numb to the needs of the people they serve. Likewise, we have become numb on the need to disciple.

2.3. Let us stop procrastinating on fulfilling the Lord's command to save His people. Let us stop sitting in our comfort zones and start caring for people who need to be brought closer to the Lord.

### 3. The lepers decided to do something different.

3.1 Their time was limited so they chose to move to find something to eat. "If we enter the city, we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also." Our own choices are not different. We can choose to wallow in self-pity or choose to be desperate for God who wants us at the foot of the cross.

3.2 They rose at twilight to go to the Syrian camp. As they were walking, the enemy army was confused into believing that their enemies joined together and were marching towards their camp. They were used by the Lord to defeat the enemy. Are we willing to be used by the Lord for His Kingdom? We need to act and obey. Only those who heard and then obeyed will enter the Kingdom.

3.3 We must get out of our seats; there are so many works to do, so many people suffering/unloved, to be brought to the Lord.

### 4. The Lord opened the floodgates of heaven (2 K. 7:19)

4.1 The Arameans fled while the people plundered their camps.

4.2 There was so much food. Indeed the finest flour and barley were selling cheap per Elisha's message from the Lord.

4.3 The Lord said, "I have come to cleanse the lepers."

**Conclusion:** Let us be the delight of the Lord. Let us get out of our comfort zones and share the word of hope and deliverance. The wages of sin is death, but the **gift of God is eternal life.**

### Reflection:

1. Are you like Elisha who will deliver a message of hope?
2. Are you like Isaiah who will say, "here I am Lord, send me?"

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