

his movements, there were very few who opposed him personally. A word from Wesley toward the end of his life, a word at the king's court ~~at~~ ^{to} the heads of the government of England, would have been sufficient to ~~render~~ ^{remedy} any individual case of flagrant injustice. Just as in this case the fact that this was the woman who had been associated with Elisha was sufficient to lead the king to intervene on her behalf. It is a thing which often takes place and if takes place without our seeking it and it may be a very good thing. But if we go out of our way to seek it, it may interfere with the truth of our message and be harmful. That is why the Lord says, "Beware when people speak well of you," because there is a tremendous danger that we are seeking that people speak well of us. Instead of seeking the essential thing which is to do His will.

(Question) As to whether he is a leper now? There is nothing said in the Scripture. Therefore you can theorize on it any way you choose. If you want to say that this happened earlier than that, that is a possible guess. I think a rather unlikely one because at that time he was with ~~the~~ the prophets. It may be so. This story is out of order. That chronologically that it happened earlier than the other events. These don't have to be in strictly chronological order--these events. That is possible. It is also possible that Gehazi had the leprosy but hidden away--that it was not on parts of his body which were manifest at that time. And that he was consequently moving among people as he should not have. That is another possibility. Gehazi is not a commendable man in the Scripture and not one whom we would take for an example. ~~But~~ Whether he did right or wrong we simply are not given exact data. Which of the two is right we have nothing to tell us in Scripture. But certainly there is no contradiction in ~~it~~ it such as would prove the Scripture unreliable. People will raise that as a question. They say, how can we believe the Scripture when it says in one chapter that Gehazi became a leper and that those lepers were cast outside the camp and then in the other case you have Gehazi here who is speaking to the king. Of course, the answer is not clear to us. It is not a contradiction. Either it