

Before the THRONE

The Devotional

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2 Kings 7:5 – 11

“And *the four lepers* arose at twilight, to go to the camp of the Syrians... and behold, there was no man there... and they went into one tent and ate and drank and carried from there silver and gold. Then they said to one another, “We are not doing what’s right! This is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent... Therefore let’s go and tell the King.” 2 Kings 7:5-11

Of all people, Christians have been entrusted with good news! God and men have been reconciled!

“O, welcome all ye noble saints of old,
As now before your very eyes unfold,
The wonders all so long ago foretold.
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The good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ is not only for my own personal enjoyment and benefit, but for all people to hear and know! “And all things are of God, Who has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation... Now, then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we beg you in Christ’s place, be reconciled to God.” (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

It is not a coincidence that in this account there four lepers. Within the New Testament we have four accounts of the life of Jesus – the four Gospels or the four accounts of “Good News!” Indeed, Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection is Good News! How can we hold this news only to ourselves? Instinctively, like the four lepers, we too know that there is a responsibility laid upon us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ! “For necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the *Good News of the Gospel*.” (1 Corinthians 9:16)

¹ “God and Man at Table are Sat Down” by Robert Stamp – Songs of Praise Vol 1.