



Healing Of A Leper

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After the miraculous catch of multitude of fishes, Jesus went on to cleanse a man of leprosy.

“When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. **2** And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. **3** And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. **4** And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them” (Matthew 8:1-4).

“And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils. **40** And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. **41** And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. **42** And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. **43** And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away; **44** And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. **45** But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter” (Mark 1:39-45).

“And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. **13** And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him. **14** And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew

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thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. **15** But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities” (Luke 5:12-15).

- 1) Note the humble attitude of the leper - “worshipped” (vs2), “kneeling down” (vs40), “fell on his face” (vs12). God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.
- 2) Note his prayer “If thou wilt...” There are many today who are still not sure whether it is God’s will to heal or not. Some even erroneously believe that sickness is a blessing in disguise. Nothing can be further from the truth!
- 3) Jesus was moved by compassion (vs 41). Compassion is a great force for good, and the secret to great accomplishments.
- 4) Jesus broke tradition by touching the man (vs3), without becoming unclean.
- 5) “I will: be thou clean” (vs 3, 41, 13) confirms that it is always God’s will to heal the sick. Healing (not sickness) glorifies God!
- 6) “And immediately the leprosy departed from him...” (vs 42, 13). The choice of words indicates that this leprosy was ‘on’ this man and was sustained by the spirit of infirmity
- 7) “Go thy way, shew thyself to the priest...” (vs 4, 44, 14). Jesus observed the levitical laws.
- 8) The testimony of the cleansed man brought great multitudes to Jesus, who also got their healing (vs 45, 15).