

Healing of the Leper



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IN THE BIBLE there is the account of a leper who came to the Lord Jesus for healing. Mt. 8:1-3, Mk. 1:40-42

Did you ever witness the miraculous healing of a leper? I have. The Bible teaches us that God's power to heal diseases is the same today as it ever was.

Many lepers have attended our crusades worldwide and, when they have believed what the Bible teaches and when they have received Christ, they have been miraculously healed. Jesus said: *Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away.* Mt. 24:35

Christ, the Son of God, came to this world and lived as a human person. Why? To show us what God is like.

Many leaders insist that God no longer heals the sick. But Jesus healed *as many as touched Him.* Mk. 6:56 Why? To prove that God's will is to heal the sick.

Jesus said, *I seek not my will but the will of my Father who sent me.* Jn. 5:30 He said, *Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.* Jn. 14:9 Jesus revealed God to us.

Whatever Jesus did, was to demonstrate God's will. That is why He forgave sinners, He blessed little children, He healed the sick, He gave sight to the blind, He cleansed lepers and, as the Bible states,

Great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all. Mt. 12:15

Jesus still heals the sick and suffering today, wherever people have faith in His Word. It is God's will to heal.

This leper who came to Christ, was ostracized from society as an unclean outcast, forbidden to touch or to come near anyone. That is why, when he approached Jesus, he fell down before Him, pleading for mercy, crying out: *If you will, you can make me clean.* Mk. 1:40

When Jesus saw the poor man, *He was moved with compassion, put forth His hand, and TOUCHED him, and said to him, I will: be clean. And as soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.* vs. 41-42 This was a great miracle of God's mercy!

You must remember that Jesus Christ is just as willing to heal you today as He was to heal that man then. He has never changed.

But you should come to Him like people came to Him in biblical days.

Note how the leper came to Christ.

FIRST: HE KNELT DOWN before Jesus. That showed humility.

We should humble ourselves before Him if we expect Him to save us from our sins and to heal us of our diseases.

Jesus said, *Whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words, of him will the Son of man be ashamed.* Mk. 8:38

But then He said: *Whoever will confess me before people, I will confess him or her before my Father in heaven. And whoever denies me before people, I will deny before my Father in heaven..* Mt. 10:32-33

Jesus said: *Those who humble themselves like a little child will be greatest in the kingdom of heaven.* Mt. 18:4

The Bible says, *God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble.* Jas. 4:6

Humble yourself before the Lord today. He will hear your prayer. He will forgive your sins and He will heal your diseases, if you will *only believe.*

SECOND: the Bible says that the leper WORSHIPPED JESUS. That is important. And remember that he worshipped the Lord even *before* he received healing.

Many people say, "I will believe on Jesus and serve Him *if* He will heal me or do some great miracle for me."

But the Lord wants you to have faith in Him, to trust Him, to love Him because of *who He is*, not because of *what He may do for you.*

To receive His blessings, it is vital to believe on Him, to give Him your heart, to let Him come into your life, to worship Him because you love Him. Then He will fulfill His promises to you.

Jesus said, *Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; then all these things will be added to you.* Mt. 6:33

Believe on the Lord. Give Him your heart and begin to worship Him now.

THIRD: The leper BESOUGHT HIM. That means he prayed to Him with all of his heart—not a weak-willed, vacillating prayer, but a cry of deep sincerity and earnestness.

God says: *When you seek me, you will find me, when you search for me with all your heart.* Jer. 29:13 Sincerity and earnestness are crucial in coming to the Lord.

A leper attended one of our great gospel crusades. He stood amidst the crowd for three nights, hoping for healing, but he would not believe on Jesus Christ as savior. Finally, through the preaching of the gospel, he became a believer and cried out in tears, receiving Christ in his heart. His sins were forgiven and he was completely healed of his leprosy.

You can be sure that the Lord wants to bless you just as He blessed that man. Whatever He has done for anyone else, it is His will to do for you, or for others under the same circumstances.

Give Him your heart and trust in His love to bless you. If you will, He will save you and heal your sicknesses.

THIRD: the leper learned that THE LORD WANTS TO HEAL THE SICK. When he came to Jesus, he said, *Lord, if you are willing, I know you can heal me.* Mk. 1:40


Many people ask the question. "Is it God's will to heal me?"

How did Jesus answer the leper? He said, *I will; be clean. And immediately his leprosy was gone from him.* Mt. 8:3

He is as willing to heal you as He was to heal the leper in the Bible and as He has healed thousands in our crusades.

Can we be sure of that? Yes, because His promises reveal what He **wills** to do. He said: *If ye shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it.* Jn. 14:14

According to the Bible, Jesus healed **all** who came to Him in biblical days and His Word says *He is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.* Heb. 13:8

Remember: The Lord has healed thousands of others and *He is no respecter of persons.* Ac. 10:34 He loves you as much as He loves anyone else. Right now, **believe** on Jesus Christ, **come** to Him, **humble** yourself before Him, **worship** Him, **call** on Him with all of your heart, **do** as that leper did, and He will FORGIVE your sins and HEAL your sickness today. Have faith in the Lord. With Him *all things are possible!* 

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