

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you experienced the willingness of God in your life through answered prayer.

2. What are some possible reasons why God would *not* heal a person of a physical illness?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about the willingness of God:
 - a) Lamentations 3:33
 - b) Matthew 11:27
 - c) Romans 9:22-24
 - d) I Corinthians 12:11
 - e) James 4:14-15
 - f) II Peter 3:9
 - g) Revelation 3:20

4. In what ways is leprosy an illustration of sin?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week's message? (*Share your decision with another person.*)
 - I am going to pray daily for someone I know who is sick.
 - I am going to visit someone who is sick or in the hospital.
 - I am going to memorize Lamentations 3:33.

Cornerstone Church
Luke 5:12-16

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Study Series #018

Lessons from a Leper

I. Introduction

A. Lepers of the Bible

(See Exodus 4:1-8; Numbers 12:1-15; II Kings 5:1-27; II Kings 7:3; II Chronicles 26:20-23; Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 17:12-24)

B. The Ancient Diagnosis of Leprosy

(See Leviticus 13:1-59; II Kings 5:7; Leviticus 13:4-5,11; Leviticus 5:3; Numbers 5:2-3; Leviticus 13:46)

C. The Stigma of Leprosy

(See Exodus 4:1; Numbers 12:1-2; II Kings 5:25-27; II Chronicles 26:16-19; II Corinthians 12:7-10)

Leprosy - Hebrew [*zara'at*] from the root word "to smite."

II. Lessons from the Leper

A. The Request of Jesus

(See Luke 5:12; Matthew 8:2; Mark 1:40)

B. The Response by Jesus

(See Luke 5:13; Matthew 8:3; Mark 1:41; Leviticus 5:3; Numbers 5:2-3)

C. The Requirement of Jesus

(See Luke 5:14; Matthew 8:4; Mark 1:43-44)

D. The Reaction to Jesus

(See Luke 5:15; Mark 1:45; Mark 1:38)

E. The Refuge of Jesus

(See Luke 5:16; Mark 1:45; Matthew 14:13; Mark 6:30-32;
Luke 6:12-13)

III. Conclusion

A. Leprosy: An Illustration of Sin

(See Isaiah 1:5-6; Psalm 38:1-22; Leviticus 13:3;
Matthew 15:18-20; Leviticus 13:7-8; Hebrews 3:13;
Leviticus 13:46; Proverbs 18:1; Isaiah 59:2; I John 1:9)

B. The Cleansing of Leprosy

(See Leviticus 14:1-57; Hebrews 9:22)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

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Passage of Study

Luke 5:12-16

¹² While He was in one of the cities, behold, *there was* a man covered with leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”

¹³ And He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” And immediately the leprosy left him.

¹⁴ And He ordered him to tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

¹⁵ But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and large crowds were gathering to hear *Him* and to be healed of their sicknesses.

¹⁶ But Jesus Himself would *often* slip away to the wilderness and pray.

Parallel Passage of Study

Matthew 8:2-4

² And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” ³ Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ And Jesus said to him, “See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

Parallel Passage of Study

Mark 1:40-45

⁴⁰ And a leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”

⁴¹ Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.” ⁴² Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. ⁴³ And He sternly warned him and immediately sent him away, ⁴⁴ and He said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” ⁴⁵ But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.