

Lepers Are Cleansed





Then Jesus answering said unto them,
Go your way, and tell John
what things ye have seen and heard;

- how that the blind see,
- the lame walk,
- the lepers are cleansed,
- the deaf hear,
- the dead are raised,
- to the poor the gospel is preached.

Go Tell John

Miracles



And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

(John 20:30-31)

Purpose of Signs and Miracles

VALIDATES THE MESSENGER		No one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him. John 3:2 Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst. Acts 2:22	
VALIDATES HIS AUTHORITY		That ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins. Matthew 9:6	
VALIDATES HIS MESSAGE		How will I know this? Luke 1:18 Amazed at His teaching. Matthew 7:28-29 Never a man spake like this man. John 7:46	
CONFIRMS FAITH		That you might believe. John 20:31 His disciples believed on him. John 2:11 Help thou my unbelief. Mark 9:24	

Miracles Attesting Jesus The Messiah

“Go tell John what you have seen and heard.”

(Luke 7:22 / Matthew 11:5)

- 1) Miracle of Sight
- 2) Miracle of Walking Lame
- 3) Miracle of Cleansed Lepers
- 4) Miracle of the Deaf Hearing
- 5) Miracle of Dead Living
- 6) Sign of Gospel Preaching (to the poor).

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What is Leprosy?

- The modern term for leprosy is "Hansen's Disease",
- A chronic bacterial infection caused by *Mycobacterium leprae* that primarily affects the skin, peripheral nerves, eyes, and lining of the nose, leading to numbness, skin lesions, and potential nerve damage.
- Today, progression of the disease can be stopped by antibiotics, but the damage to tissues is generally permanent.
- Prior to antibiotics, there was no cure. Even today, there are leper colonies. People choose to live there to avoid social stigma. The disease may be cured, but the damage is still visible.

The Law of The Leper

Leviticus 13

Leviticus 13:3

- Pronounced Unclean
- (diagnosed by the priest)

Leviticus 13:45-46

- His clothes shall be rent
- His head shall be bare

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- He shall cover his upper lip
- He shall cry out "Unclean, unclean"
- He shall dwell alone
- He shall live outside the camp (city)

Leviticus 13 vs Leviticus 21

Two Laws

Leviticus 13 – The Law of the Leper

- Pronounced Unclean
- His clothes shall be rent
- His head shall be bare

Leviticus 21 – The Law of the Levite

- Pronounced Clean
- He shall not rend his clothing
- He shall not uncover his head
- He shall not shave his head bald

The Law of the Leper is unique in that there is a sacrifice associated with being declared clean!

After about 1,400 years, the only recorded time a leper was healed was a Gentile, Naaman, a commander of the Syrian army (2 Kings 5).

Law For Cleansing The Leper

STAGE ONE – Restoring the leper to the camp (community)

Leviticus 14:1-9 Preparation to approach the LORD

- Leviticus 14:2 He will show himself to the priest
- Leviticus 14:3-7 He will offer a sacrifice and be sprinkled with the blood
- Leviticus 14:8 He will wash himself, his clothes, and shave his hair
- Leviticus 14:9 After seven days he will repeat the bathing and washing

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STAGE TWO – Restoring the leper to fellowship with The LORD

Leviticus 14:10-32 - Sacrifices to restore fellowship

- On the eighth day will offer two lambs, flour, and oil.
- One Lamb is the Trespass Offering (Unintentional Sin)
- One Lamb is the Sin Offering
- The anointing of blood and of oil

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Psalm 51:7

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Unlike the blind and the lame, the term used in every case in the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) is "cleansed."

The term καθαρίζω is used in a general sense as washing dishes, but it is the term used for consecration as in the Law of Levites in preparation to approach the LORD.

In the case of Naaman, we are told that his flesh returned as a child (2 Kings 5:14).

CLEANSED

A Leper Cleansed

Luke 5:12-16

SEE ALSO
Matthew 8:1-4
Mark 1:40-45

- (12) Behold – A term that introduces an eyewitness account
- (12) Full of Leprosy – A medical term used only by Luke
- (12) The leper worships (not because of healing - but before)
- (12) The leper asks for cleansing (again, not for healing)
- (13) Jesus touches the leper (should have made Jesus unclean)
- (13) Jesus says, "be thou clean" (the clean makes the unclean clean)
- (14) Stage 1 - Show yourself to the priest
- (14) Stage 2 - Offer the gift that Moses commanded

FOR A TESTIMONY UNTO THEM

ARE YOU WASHED?

“Wash me and I shall be cleansed.”

(Psalm 51:7)

One commentator makes the observation that you can almost hear the wedding bells as the leper asks, "Will you?" and the Savior responds, "I will."

If Jesus is willing to touch a leper, a man diseased and full of sores, there is nothing that would keep Him from touching you and making you clean. You do not need to bring birds, lambs, flour and oil.

It is the blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses from all sin.

Twenty-Six times we read these words in Scripture: “Come Unto Me”

Thank you

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