

The Lame Walk

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Why Miracles: Review

Who May Approach The LORD

How To Approach The LORD

Words Unique to Healing the Lame

The Lame Man at the Pool of Bethesda

Why Miracles?

Authenticate Messenger

Validate Authority

Authenticate Message

Validate Faith

Go Tell John

- The Blind See
- The Lame Walk
- Lepers are cleansed
- The Deaf Hear
- The Dead Live
- The Poor Hear the Gospel

Matthew 11:5 / Luke 7:22



Who May Approach God

Leviticus 21



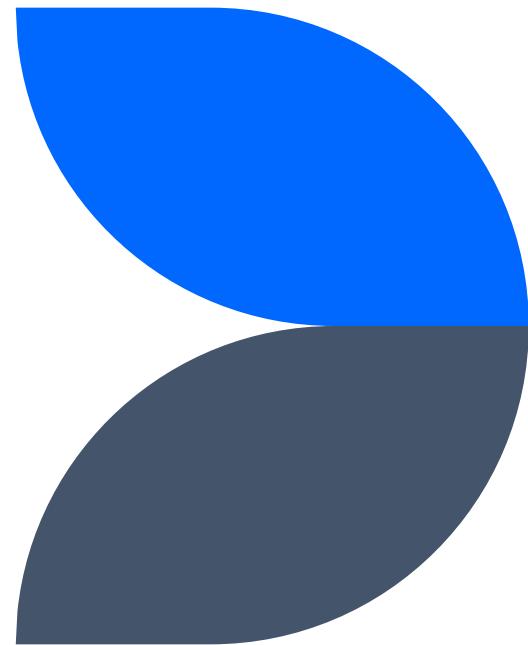
Law of The Levite

: A FAULTLESS PRIEST

- Leviticus 21:6
 - He shall be holy unto God
 - He shall not profane the Name of God
- Leviticus 21
 - He will not defile himself by what he does.
 - He shall not become unclean by what he touches.

Our Faultless Priest

- Jesus is a priest like Melchisedek not from the line of Aaron (Hebrews 5:6,10; 6:20; 7:22,17,21)
- Jesus said, "No man takes my life from me." (John 10:18)
- He gave Himself (Galatians 1:4; 2:20; Ephesians 5:25; 1 Timothy 2:6; Titus 2:14)





Who May Not Approach God

Leviticus 21



Law of The Levite

: A BLIND MAN OR A LAME MAN

- Leviticus 21:18
 - ..he shall not approach
- Leviticus 21:23
 - he shall not go in unto the veil,
 - Nor come nigh unto the altar

How to Approach God



Preparing to Approach The LORD

1. Leviticus 1-4 Rules for various offerings
2. Leviticus 5-7 Offerings for sin / Various Offerings
3. Leviticus 8:1-17 Consecration of those that serve in the temple
 - a. 8:6 Washed with water
 - b. 8:7 Clean clothing (special)
 - c. 8:8 The breastplate
 - d. 8:9 The headpiece (mitre)
 - e. 8:10 Anointed with oil
4. Leviticus 8:17-36 The offerings [see Hebrews for further explanation]
5. Leviticus 9 Offerings for the priest and the people

Some Rules for the Levite

Leviticus 21:1-4 The priest / worshiper must not defile themselves

1. 21:1-2 Touch the dead (except to bury close family)
2. 21:5 They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.
3. 21:6 They shall be holy to the LORD
They shall not profane the name of their God.
4. 21:6 Their wife must be pure (not a harlot)
They may not marry a woman who was married.
5. 21:10 He shall not uncover his head
He shall not tear his garments

THESE CONTINUE THROUGH 22:16

Levitical Offerings vs The Cross of Christ

Hebrews 10:1-17

LEVITICAL SACRIFICES

- **Symbolic (1)**
 - A shadow – Not the image
- **Temporary (3)**
 - Repeated year after year
- **Partial (4)**
 - Does not remove sin

THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST

- **Real (9)**
 - 1st Removed – 2nd Established
- **Permanent (10, 12, 14, 17)**
 - Once For All
- **Complete (10-12,17-18)**
 - Sin Remembered No More
 - No More Offering



THERE IS NO SACRIFICE

- the blind to see,
- the lame to walk,
- the deaf to hear
- the dead to be brought to life.

However, through the sacrifice of Christ, ALL may be sanctified (Hebrews 10:10)

Through the work of Christ, the outcast is invited to draw near unto the LORD.



Because of The Cross We May Approach The Lord

- Hebrews 4:16 – **Draw near with confidence.**
- Hebrews 7:19 – In contrast to the Law which made nothing perfect, **there is a better hope in Christ.**
- Hebrews 7:25 – **Jesus makes intercession** for those the draw near
- Hebrews 10:1 – **Sacrifices are unable** to make perfect those that serve (draw near).
- Hebrews 10:22 – **Draw near with assurance**



Your Sins Are Forgiven!

Every recorded time that Jesus spoke these words in relation to healing, it is to one who was lame.

**Jesus never says this to the Blind,
Jesus never says this to the Deaf,
Jesus never says this to the Leper.**

Scripture	Location	Narrative
Matthew 9:2	Nazareth Seaside	Lame Man Brought by Friends
Mark 2:5	Capernaum	Lame Man Lowered thru Roof
Luke 5:20	Capernaum	Same as Mark 2:5
John 5:14	Jerusalem Pool of Bethesda	Lame Man Waited 38 Years

The only other times are to two women. Neither are associated with healing.
Luke 7:48 at the home of Simon, and John 8:11 to the woman caught in the act of adultery.



John 5:1-14

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MANY PEOPLE (5:3)

- Why is this man singled out for healing?

MANY YEARS (5:5)

- He had been waiting for thirty-eight years

MANY ATTEMPTS (5:7)

- He was unable in his own strength

John 5:1-14

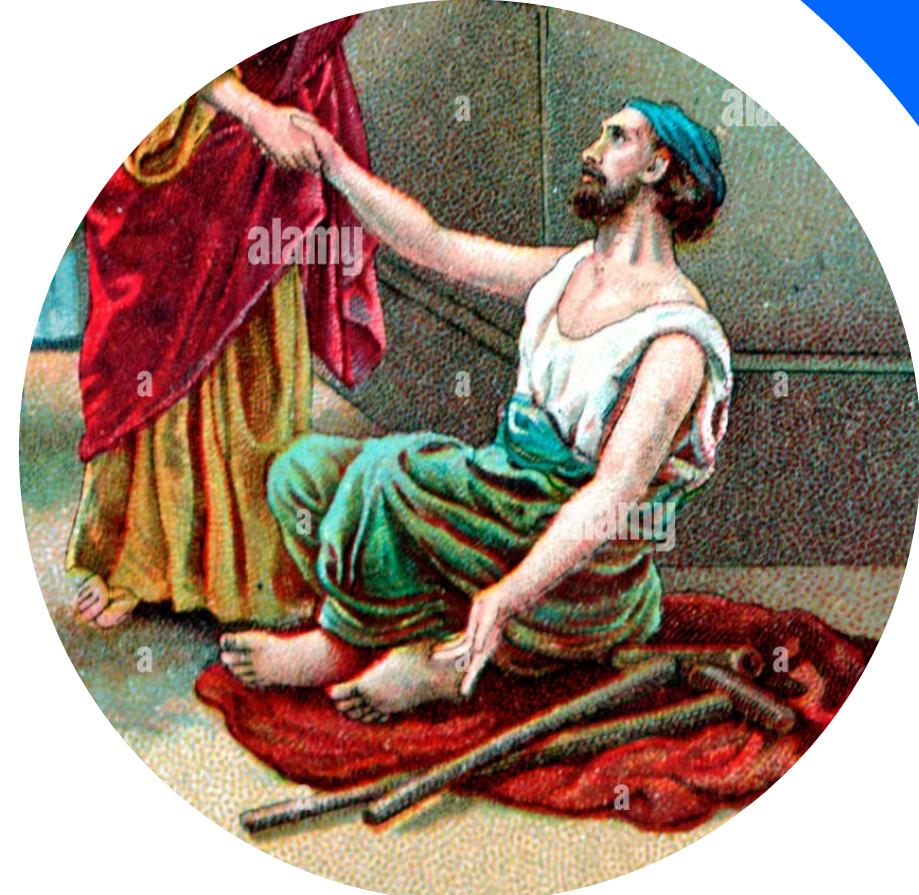
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THE SIGN IS REJECTED (5:9,10,16)

- The Pharisees do not recognize the sign.
- The Pharisees reject the Lord Jesus as Messiah
Isaiah 35: 6 “The lame shall leap as an hart”

WAITING FOR WORSHIP(5:14)

- His Priority: Head for the Temple
- He waited thirty-eight years to be healed.
- He waited thirty-eight years to worship at the Temple



What About Us?

PREPARATION

A Sacrifice for us has been made.

OBSTACLES TO WORSHIP

Christ has removed the partition.

DRAW NEAR!

We have the invitation

God seeks worshipers (John 4:23)