

The desire for CLEANSING

The healing of a leper Mark 1:40-45

Introduction

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Mark 1:40 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.

#1 Be _____ by leprosy [and be APPALLED by sin] 40a

Leviticus 13:45-46 says As for the leper who has the infection, his clothes shall be torn, and the hair of his head shall be uncovered, and he shall cover his mustache and cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!' 46 "He shall remain unclean all the days during which he has the infection; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.

Numbers 5:2 "Command the sons of Israel that they send away from the camp every leper

Isaiah 64:6a For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment

#2 _____ the leper's heart 40b

1st The leper came in _____

2nd The leper came in _____

3rd The leper came in _____

4th The leper came in _____

5th The leper came in _____

Daniel 3:17 "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 "But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

#3 Be _____ by Christ's compassion 41-42

2 Kings 5:14 "So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child and he was clean."

#4 Understand Christ's wise _____ 43-44

#5 Embrace the _____ of disobedience 45

Conclusion:

1 Know the difference between _____ and REGENERATION

2 Genuine Christians _____ their sin

3 Pursue the hurting and don't _____ the sinful

4 The only cleansing now and forever, is found in _____

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#2 IMITATE the leper's heart 40b

1st The leper came in CONFIDENCE

2nd The leper came in NEED

3rd The leper came in REVERANCE

4th The leper came in HUMILITY

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#4 Understand Christ's wise WARNINGS 43-44

#5 Embrace the CONSEQUENCES of disobedience 45

Conclusion:

1 Know the difference between RELIGION and REGENERATION

2 Genuine Christians HATE their sin

3 Pursue the hurting and don't AVOID the sinful

4 The only cleansing now and forever, is found in CHRIST

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