

One Major Roadblock to Divine Healing

In Luke 5:12-13, we read about a man who was not sure about healing. But he did something that many are not willing to do, he sought out the Healer.

It says, "And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, 'Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.' Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, 'I am willing; be cleansed.' Immediately the leprosy left him."

This man had a very contagious disease called, "Leprosy". Even his identity was wrapped around it, he was known by the others as a leper. Think about this, his name is not recorded in this story for us to remember him by, only the hopeless label, "Leper". And the public associated him with the characteristics of this dreadful disease. When they saw the leper, negative adjectives passed through their minds concerning him, such as, unclean, contagious, cursed, and deadly to be near.

Even the leper, himself, identifies with these painful labels. Back in these days, whenever someone would pass by, he had to pick up a rock and throw it at the person passing by and call out to the others about himself, "Unclean!" Imagine how hopeless he felt. The Bible clearly teaches us that, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." See Proverbs 23:7. It also tells us in Luke 6:45, "For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

This man could see his body being eaten away from leprosy, and he could smell the rotting of the flesh as well. He could feel the utter pain and sting constantly.

I also believe he heard amazing testimonies about people who were being healed by a healer named, "Jesus." But as long as he received his identity from the fearful reactions of others as they saw him, or from his five senses or human reasoning, he would forever remain a leper on this earth. Something radical would have to change for this man to be healed.

He obviously did not know how Jesus felt about all of this. But he did hear of these amazing miracles that were taking place, so when Jesus passed by he called out to Him, "Lord." To acknowledge Jesus as Lord shows that this man was humble and respectful towards Jesus. Then he asks Him what he has been wanting an answer for, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

He hears enough about Jesus that He knows that He is able to heal him, but when it comes to His willingness he was unsure. But he does the right thing and seeks out the Healer, and asks Him His will to heal. And because he seeks, he finds the answer, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left him."

What are you waiting for? If you are unsure about healing, ask Him to reveal Himself as your healer. If you will do this, you will find Him and your healing. Jeremiah 29:13 says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." And when you seek the Healer, you will find your healing too.

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