

## WILLING HANDS? ~ Luke 5:12-16

→ Scripture Reading - Luke 5:12-16

### THE UNTOUCHABLE LEPERS ~ Leviticus 13:45-46

[45] "The leprous person who has the disease shall **WEAR TORN CLOTHES** and let the HAIR of his head HANG LOOSE, and he shall COVER HIS UPPER LIP and CRY OUT, 'UNCLEAN, unclean.' [46] He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. HE SHALL LIVE ALONE. His dwelling shall be OUTSIDE the camp. (ESV)

→ These are all signs of mourning in the O.T. Here they symbolize that a person is ritually dead. esv

#### IMPACT OF LEPROSY ON PERSON

- Physically - Incurable
- Emotionally - Outcast Isolated
- Spiritually - Perpetually UNCLEAN

### THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND ~ Luke 5:12-16

[12] While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you are willing, you can make me CLEAN."

#### THE LEPER

- BROKE Old Testament Law
- came HUMBLY
- recognized the SOVEREIGNTY of Jesus
- recognized the POWER of Jesus

[13] Jesus reached out his hand and TOUCHED the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

**Mark 1:41** (NIV) Filled with COMPASSION, Jesus reached out his hand and TOUCHED the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!"

#### JESUS

- FILLED with Compassion
- reached out and TOUCHED the leper
- made the leper CLEAN

#### JESUS TOUCHED THE LEPER

- Physically - showing he was LOVED
- Emotionally - showing he was NOT UNTOUCHABLE
- Spiritually - showing he was CLEAN

[14] Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, **show yourself to the priest** and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a TESTIMONY to THEM."

**Luke 7:20, 22** (NIV) When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?' ....[22] So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.

## APPLICATION

**Mark 1:41** (NAS) MOVED with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and TOUCHED him...

**Romans 12:15** (ESV) REJOICE with those who rejoice, WEEP with those who weep.

## TAKE AWAY ??

**Hebrews 6:10** (NIV) God is NOT UNJUST; he will NOT FORGET your work and **the love you have shown him AS** you have helped his people and continue to help them.

**Galatians 6:9-10** (NIV) **Let us NOT BECOME WEARY in doing good**, for at the proper time **WE WILL REAP a harvest if we do not give up.** [10] Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us DO GOOD to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

**Mark 9:41** (NIV) I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water **IN MY NAME** because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.