



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Luke 5:12-16 (NAS)

Topic: "Healing the Leper"

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- 12 While He was in one of the cities, behold, there was a man covered with leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."
- 13 And He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately the leprosy left him.
- 14 And He ordered him to tell no one, "But go and show yourself to the priest and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."
- 15 But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and large crowds were gathering to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses.
- 16 But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.

### **I. THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST**

- A. Over The Devil
- B. Over Creation
- C. Over Disease

### **II. EFFECTS OF LEPROSY**

- A. Destroys The Nervous System
- B. Disfigures The Body
- C. Disconnects From Society

### **III. THE LEPER CAME TO JESUS**

- A. Humble Request – Not Demanding
- B. Acknowledged Christ's Lordship
- C. He Believed Jesus Could
- D. The Disease Drove Him To Jesus

### **IV. SINS EFFECTS MAY BE COMPARED TO LEPROSY**

- A. Destroys Human Relationships *John 14:1*
- B. Destroys Our Relationship With God
- C. Only The Savior Can Cure

### **V. THE LEPER'S RESPONSE** Matthew 5:17; Leviticus 14:1-4

- A. He Did What Felt Good Mark 1:45
- B. He Did Not Obey

### **APPLICATION:**

1. We are all lepers before God
2. We, like Jesus, need be willing to touch the lowly.
3. Obedience is better than what feels right.
4. If we are involved in ministry, we need to be involved in prayer.