

The Master's Touch

House of the Lord

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Our Lord delivered the message of the two foundations people build their houses (lives) on. The sand (subject to change) and the Rock (of changeless Truth, "God said").

He went to the mountain to pray. We see a pattern in His life and ministry. He would go away to pray or commune with The Father, then come out of time with God to do great works. (Matt. 8:1)

Luke 5:12 (NAS)

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."

A man covered or devoured by leprosy. His flesh rotting away.

The man falls on his face, prostrates himself (helpless) before The King, The Lord, The Teacher, and addresses Him:

Lord _____

If you are willing _____

You can make me clean _____

5:13

And He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately the leprosy left him.

The touch of The Master's hand, on an unclean – untouchable. He was willing – He is willing – His stripes cover all who come to His Lordship.

5:14

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."

Tell no one – I do not need your endorsement.

Follow the law of recovery.

Go to the Priest (religious leader) _____

Present the required, lawful offering of praise to God.

As a testimony to the Priest of a dead order.

5:15

But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and large crowds were gathering to hear *Him* and to be healed of their sicknesses.

News spread of the miracles – signs – wonders, as the Anointing continued to destroy the yoke.

A miracle to the leper.

A sign to the Priesthood.

A wonder to the people.

5:16

But Jesus Himself would *often* slip away to the wilderness and pray.

The Master retreats to pray. He did not put out a newsletter, He did not do a miracles update, He went back to the source.

Staying under authority, makes the way to stay in authority!

Matthew 8:1-4

Mark 1:10-45

Luke 5:12-14