

Before and After

Matthew 12:20 (NIV)

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Part 1

“The Touch of the Master's Hand!”

Luke 5:12-15 (NIV)

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.” 13 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” And immediately the leprosy left him. 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.” 15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses.

1. The **CONDITION** of the **SINNER**. (verse 12)

A. He was full of **DISEASE**. (verse 12)

Luke 5:12 (NIV) 12 While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. . .

Luke 5:12 (NKJV) And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; . . .

Sin is like leprosy:

- Because it begins small and then spreads throughout the body.
- Because it isolates a man man-ward and it also separates a man God-ward.

B. He was full of **DEVOTION**. (verse 12)

Luke 5:12 (NIV) . . . 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.”

It is not a problem of HIS Will; It is a problem of your will!

John 6:37 (KJV) . . . and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

2. The COMPASSION of the SAVIOR. (verse 13)

A. The Compassion of Jesus is PERSONAL. (verse 13)

Luke 5:13 (NIV) 13 Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

B. The Compassion of Jesus is POWERFUL. (verse 13)

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3. The CHANGE offered by the SON of God. (verses 14-15)

A. He was RECONCILED to GOD. (verse 14)

Luke 5:14 (NIV) 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."

Colossians 1:21-22 (NIV) 21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

B. He was RESTORED with MEN. (verse 15)

Luke 5:15 (NIV) 15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses.

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