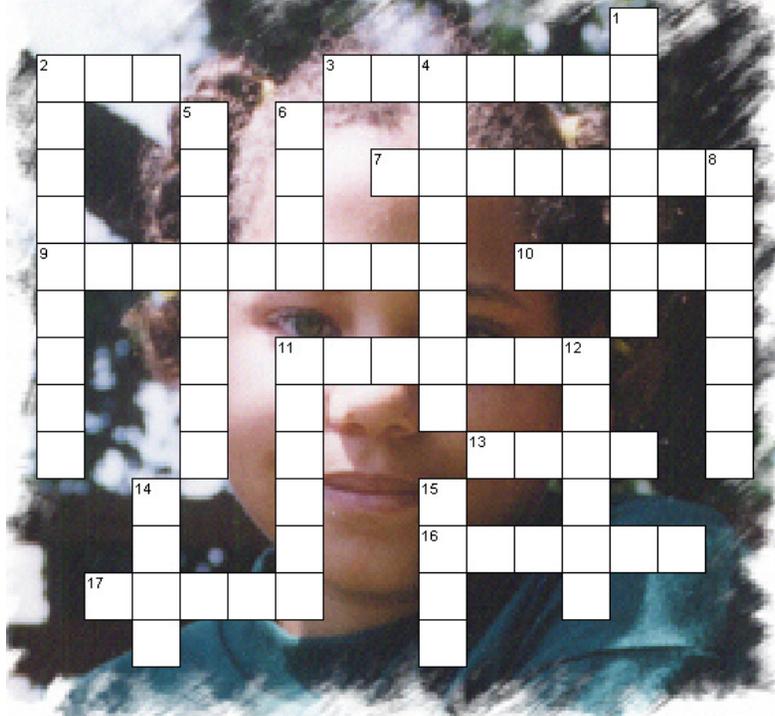


Crossword Puzzle



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| 2. The Bible uses leprosy as a picture of the ____ of rebellion. | 1. _____ is a picture of rebellion. |
| 3. The Bible uses leprosy as a ____ or the sin of rebellion. | 2. Rebellion _____ a person from God and from His people. |
| 7. Our fellowship with God and man will be _____. | 4. "I am willing, be _____." |
| 9. The Bible uses leprosy as a picture of the sin of _____. | 5. We have all been _____ with the disease of rebellion. |
| 10. The Lord _____. | 6. Because of the _____, we have all been infected... |
| 11. Those who get leprosy must leave their family and _____. | 8. We have all been infected with the _____ of rebellion. |
| 13. We were all _____ with a nature of rebellion. | 11. Those who get leprosy must leave their _____ and friends. |
| 16. Jesus will not be _____ of touching us and healing our leprosy. | 12. Like leprosy, this rebellion can quickly _____ to others. |
| 17. Leprosy is a very _____, contaminating and damaging disease. | 14. Leprosy is a disease of the _____ and of the hair. |
| | 15. Leprosy is a disease of the skin and of the _____. |



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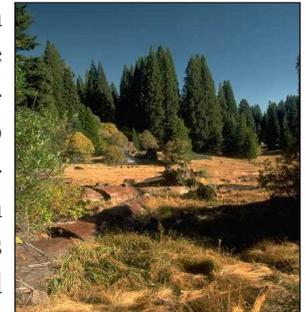
- Lesson Nine -

The Ministry of Healing (4) Healing and Cleansing the Leper

I. Overview.

The Lord Jesus came as a compassionate Savior and mighty Healer to cleanse all men of their "leprosy." Leprosy in the Bible typifies sin, especially the sin of rebellion and disobedience. Through the Lord's cleansing, the healed leper could live in fellowship with God and man.

Leprosy, though a disease that we hear almost nothing about today, was not that uncommon in ancient times. It was a terrible disease of the skin and hair and was very serious. It was also quite contagious, so lepers had to be separated from everyone. Leprosy is a picture of rebellion in man. Because of man's fall, he is full of rebellion and needs to be healed and cleansed. This lesson shows how the ministry of the Lord Jesus can heal us of our rebellion and cleanse us so that we can be brought back into fellowship with God and man.



Lepers were normally separated to live apart from all healthy people.

II. Memory Verse.

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin."

(1 John 1:7)

III. Lesson.

One of the most feared diseases in Biblical times was leprosy. It is a very serious disease of the skin and hair. Leprosy is a very dirty, contaminating and damaging disease. It is also quite contagious. Strict laws were enforced to keep this terrible disease from spreading to other people.

If anyone was discovered to have leprosy, they had to leave their family and friends, and live outside the camp of God's people. Having leprosy caused a person to be isolated from the fellowship of God's people.



Jesus is able to heal our rebellion and cleanse us.

Leprosy is a Picture of the Sin of Rebellion

The Bible uses leprosy as a picture of the sin of rebellion. Whether we realize it or not, we all were born with a nature of rebellion. Rebellion is most serious before God and separates a person from fellowship with God and with His people.

Jesus Heals and Cleanses Leprosy

When Jesus came to one of the cities of Galilee, a leper came to Him and said "Lord, If you are willing, You can cleanse me". Most people would not come near a leper. But Jesus reached out His hand and touched him. Jesus said to him "I am willing, be cleansed". The leprosy was immediately gone. The Lord Jesus did not despise the leper nor fear his disease. Rather, He was filled with sympathy and compassion for him and healed him. Only God could do such a healing work on such a terrible disease – this shows us that Jesus indeed is God.

Jesus is Able to Cleanse us of Our Rebellion

Because of the fall, we have all been infected with the disease of rebellion. We rebel against our parents, teachers, and others that God has placed us under. Like leprosy, this rebellion can quickly spread to others. This causes us to be separated from the fellowship with God and with His people. We must be cleansed. If we, like the leper, will simply come to the Lord Jesus and say "Lord, if you are willing, You can cleanse me", He will most certainly do so. First, however, we must realize our condition and be willing to submit to Jesus as Lord. Then He will not be afraid of touching us and healing our leprosy and cleansing us. Our fellowship with God and man will be restored.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What is symbolized by the disease of leprosy?

2. What happened to a person when it was discovered that he had leprosy?

3. How does leprosy relate to our condition?

4. How can we be healed and cleansed of rebellion?

