

"Outward Symptoms" of the Real Problem

Would you open your Bibles to

Mark 1 Verses 40-41 & 42

Now Mark 1: 40-42 & hold your finger there
much has happened in the preceding
39 Verses of Mark - Chapter 1

① John the Baptist has come on the scene crying out "Get Ready"

② He has made effort to prepare the people for their encounter with Jesus!

③ Jesus has been baptized by John & God Himself has put His stamp of Approval on His Son - Then

④ Jesus immediately encountered temptation - (folks, you do always expect it, when you commit yourself to God) <It'll happen> ~~later~~

⑤ John had been arrested / And Jesus had begun the Ministry of Reconciliation - His opening words were: "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand, Repent & Believe, the Good News" ^{v15}
(That's what the Gospel is)

Jesus
He has called Simon & Andrew to be
disciples // Promising them the privilege
of introducing men, women boys & trials
to Jesus. The Greatest Privilege of a Believer

James & John were the next called
And they responded willingly by ^{straightaway} ~~the Bible says~~
then a man was healed of unclean spirits
And would you believe ^{would you believe} These Ungodly Spirits
Know who Jesus was / Listen as they
speak ^{v.24} Let us alone they cried "what have
we to do with thee, thou Jesus
of Nazareth, I know thee, who
thou art, the Holy One of God"
But knowing is not knowing ^{v.24}

How sad that today, many know about Jesus,
but not in a salvation experience

Others were healed ^{For One} Peter's Mother-in-law
Did you notice, "First the healing, then
the serving" Mark 1:29-31 "what
a message there. For all of us -
We must be healed / We must
be sowed & delivered / before
we can serve God faithfully"
Amen

2) Could it be that some do Not Leave,
because they have never been healed
& delivered? Think About it —

Others were healed by the power
of God // Others were delivered by
the power of God — And let me
say quickly — " That's the only
way to be truly healed, and
truly delivered — (By the Power
of God) (It's the only healing
& only deliverance that lasts)

Now lets Read Our Scripture for today —
Mark 1: 40 - 41 & 42 (Do So)

Let's Go back to Verse 35 for a message
Did you notice in that Verse
that something very necessary
& something very rewarding happened
prior to this healing —

U-35 tells us that Jesus went out to
a very private place & prayed
He was in touch with God And
when Jesus left that place, He
was CHARGED with power // That
power was the Result of His Communion
with the Father —

WE NEED THAT ANSWER
Oh dear hearts, If ever, we come to fully
understand the power we can obtain from
Communion with God, we'll begin to
pray as Paul admonished "Without
Ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17) We won't want
To Stop -

- ① (We will come to "Expect" answers,
Not "Wonder" if they'll come)
- ② (We will claim the promise of God
personally, rather than ask someone to do so
~~due the blessing of claiming it~~)

When I am finished praying, no one
could doubt that He had "All Power"
And I am promised that power to
us // He said - "Ye shall
have power" // But only after you
have allowed God / thru his Holy
Spirit to control (To come over you)
Acts 1:8

There is a little chorus, I love so very
much - It goes like this:
Come Holy Spirit I need thee
Come Sweet Spirit I pray -
Come in thy strength & thy power
Come in thine own gentle way

Oh dear people, We'll Never be what God
Would have us be until the very Spirit
of God Confronts us we need to invite
him to do so Ames

The leper in our Scripture Reading, is
a picture of many today - A mirror
of lives overcome with sin and
degeneracy - ~~Some see~~ ^{Some see} them plight
as a hopeless one - (There does
not appear to be any hope -)
They are marked off as
lost - Spiritual Lepers if
you please

But Not So - Let's look at this man again
1st. He knew he needed help.

2nd. He knew that he would die a
horrible death if something did
not happen to him -

3rd. He had no place to turn but to
Jesus - ~~and his disciples~~

Let me ask, Doesn't that describe many
today - ~~Spiritual lepers if you please~~

There are many
people who will tell you that they
need help desperately - even ask for it

People who know that "Eternal Death" is
a certainty unless something happens...

Yet many choose that "Eternal Separation"
from God - Over "Eternal Joy and
Peace"

Oh but there are others today
who are a mirror of the
leper in this ~~story~~ account - also

- ① They are suffering needlessly by
- ② They are misdealt with Evil Spirits
when they could be Indwelt with

God's Holy Spirit & Need to Be

many are afraid of that - but change people
many don't want to be changed

They know that the evil in their lives
is killing them - They know that even
association is dangerous - yet
they hear Paul say: "Abstain From
All Appearance of Evil" 1 Thes 5:22
and turn a deaf ear to it -

They hear Paul say: "Therefore if any man
be in Christ, he is a new creature
old things are passed away, behold
all things are become new." (2 Cor 5:17)

What they chose a Spiritual ear of Cornmeal
in the old way — That's Sick Folks —
That's "Spiritual Leprosy"

~~Under the Course of Love, many will say
"Show them love" "Do this if you love me"
Listen, these people don't love you, they
longing what to use you
This as bad a ^{DISEASE} ~~condition~~ as any leprosy
we could have~~

You know of course that, In our Lords Day
Lepros were not allowed to associate with
healthy people — The disease separated
them from loved ones & their friends —

Now sad, yet it happens

today there are people who
do not wish to associate with
Crazy people — It's their choice
to them "Holy People" are dull and
wearysome —

Oh but it's not the people that bother
them — It's what they stand for Amer

Today people chooses to be "Outcasts"
"That's Spiritual Leprosy"

Oh but listen "It does not have to be that way." ~~Those who remain in the indifferent state will realize the wrong they are~~ But these "Spiritual Lepers" who remain lost by choice will know or soon as they wake up in hell, how wrong they were —

They are what they are by choice.
They will be where they are by choice.

But what about this leper in our scriptures?

- ① He saw himself as he really was
- ② His condition alienated him —
- ③ He was not happy with things as they were — ~~He was full of despair~~
- ④ He truly wanted a different life

He had heard about Jesus, / He had no doubt been at places where Jesus had healed people — / The Mulemen Spirit / ^{The} Cripple / The hopeless — or so it seemed to man —

He looked at his life / useless / of no value or it was 2 with all his heart, he wanted things to become different — He was sick of what he was

57 He did what every one of us must do
in order to be healed - He humbled
himself before Jesus - He Acknowledged
his need - He Asked Jesus to do
for Him, what no one else could do -

He said to Jesus: "I have faith,
I believe you can heal me if you
will"

~~But~~ these were not just hollow words, they
were expressions of faith, they came
from a heart that wanted to be clean
and pure - they were for real -
And this faith was rewarded it always is.

In Verse 40 the Bible says: "And there
came a leper to him, beseeching him"

- ① The man did not send someone in
his place -
- ② He did not ask someone to stand
in his place -

He/who needed healing, stood
face to face with the one
who felt could heal him -

↳ Besought Jesus to heal him

The word "beseech" means "with fervor"
"with desire" / ^{at times:} to eagerly solicit —

It means "He wanted healing and deliverance more than anything else ~~at that time~~" of He did what was necessary

Oh Deep hearts, Leprosy did not manifest itself outwardly immediately —

The white spots / the deterioration of the flesh / the open sores / were outward manifestations of a deeply rooted problem —

So is Sin — what people do are simply outward manifestations of a Deep Rooted problem — You can't see

Sin // But you can see the results of it — Amen

The writer of Proverbs put it like this: "As a man thinketh

in his heart, so is he" Prov. 23:7
(So ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~act~~)

Now listen carefully: ~~Unfaithfulness~~ / Fornication /
Lying / Stealing / Gossiping / Alcohol /
Drugs / Illicit Sex / Are simply indications of a Deep Rooted problem — Amen
(A heart Right with God, won't do them —)

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Think About It.

The leper sought Jesus out, he eagerly solicited his help — he told Jesus what his need was, he did NOT DEMAND that he be healed — But rather acknowledged that any healing had to come from Jesus — And that's right

His AA hand touch Jesus // The real desire to be healed & delivered Moved Jesus to Compassion"

Let me say here & now, IT still DOES if it works immediately —

The leper said: "Jesus, you can if you will" and Jesus said: "I will, be thou clean" And as soon as he spoke, ~~immediately~~ the leprosy departed from him and he was cleansed — " v. 42

No waiting, period // No Grace Period // No beatance // No works // No cash payment // Simply Faith Rewarded, IMMEDIATELY // No sooner was Jesus moved, than "Out Went His Hand"

It happens today for those who will:

- ① Acknowledge a Need
- ② Ask for help.
- ③ Humble themselves.
- ④ Can we learn of Believers who've Delivered.

Problem

What's your ~~Access~~ Unbelief = Pride = Lustiness -

Unfaithfulness - Deep Seated heart problem with outward manifestation of Alcohol, Drugs -

Fleeting Mouth - Dirty Mind = ?

Jesus can heal the disease by
Creeping to the source of the problem.

The Heart - And He can & will do it

Immediately - when we eagerly solicit His help!

Humble ourselves / Confess our need and our
Faith is His ability -

But the attitude of the heart, must be
dealt with first - That's the real
problem - All else are symptoms.

Do you want to be healed / Saved / Delivered,
freed from Guilt & the Spiritual
Leprosy associated with it - Then you
Come Now / Don't wait - Jesus can & will
Heal you & Save your Soul