

LESSON NINE

MIRACLES OF HEALING (Continued)

A. INFIRM WOMAN RESTORED:

1. SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 13:11-17.

2. CIRCUMSTANCES:

This miracle took place in the synagogue upon the Sabbath day. Along with the other healings upon the Sabbath day it created much opposition to Jesus. In this case it made the ruler of the synagogue very angry.

This woman may have been an elderly woman. We do not know her exact age but she had been bowed over and bound by a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years. She was unable to straighten up but had to walk and move about in this fashion. It was a chronic case of deformity and certainly was a difficult case.

3. NEED:

A woman bowed over helplessly for eighteen years needed deliverance.

4. HOW WAS THE MIRACLE PERFORMED?

We should carefully study the steps that Jesus took here:

- a. He called the woman to Him. This required effort, faith, and obedience on her part.
- b. Apparently she never asked for healing. Regardless, the Lord speaks the word, "*Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.*"
- c. Jesus lays His hands upon her. This is done after He pronounces the fact of her healing.
- d. Immediately she straightens up and is healed.
- e. She glorifies God.

5. RESULTS AND THE LESSON TAUGHT:

There are three main lessons taught here:

- a. This deformity was due to a spirit of infirmity. Satan had bound her for eighteen years. This shows that her affliction was definitely due to spiritual causes. She was bound by a demon.
- b. The Lord calls her a "daughter of Abraham." This meant more than that she was of the Jewish nation. He actually was calling her a "child of faith." This can apply to any of us.
- c. She had to obey and go to Jesus first. This called for painful effort and exertion but it was necessary.

B. TEN LEPERS CLEANSED:

1. SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 17:11-19.

2. CIRCUMSTANCES:

This miracle of healing ten lepers took place outside a village near the border of Samaria. Nine of these lepers were probably Jews with only one Samaritan leper among them. The common misery of their suffering had broken down the racial barrier.

According to custom they had to stand afar off and cry, "*Unclean! Unclean!*" Their condition was hopeless, but no situation is hopeless when Jesus comes upon the scene. They had undoubtedly heard about the healing of the leper, which had taken place early in the ministry of our Lord. At least they had heard about Jesus for they called Him by name. They cried out in one common chorus, "*Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.*"

3. NEED:

There were ten lepers who needed to be healed.

4. HOW WAS THIS MIRACLE PERFORMED?

Jesus simply told them to go and show themselves to the priests. This meant that each would go to the priest nearest his own home, and the Samaritan to the temple on Gerizim.

They immediately obeyed and as they traveled, they were healed. The dry scales fell from them, the white spots disappeared, healthy color returned to their flesh, and all disfigured members were made whole. They were thrilled and excited and hurried on their way. However, the Samaritan quickly returned to Jesus and fell at the feet of Jesus giving Him thanks.

Jesus commended the Samaritan and condemned the others by the question, "*Where are the nine?*"

5. RESULTS AND THE LESSON TAUGHT:

God is very pleased with Thanksgiving. We should never forget to thank Him for His blessings. Thanksgiving is closely connected with a healthy faith. When Jesus commended the Samaritan, Jesus said that it was his faith that made him whole, not his thanksgiving.

C. BLIND BARTIMAEUS HEALED:

1. SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES: Mark 10:46-52 & Luke 18:35-43.

2. CIRCUMSTANCES:

This miracle took place as Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem for the last time. As Jesus left Jericho a large crowd was following Him.

Beside the road there sat a blind beggar called Bartimaeus. When he heard that Jesus was passing by, he immediately began to cry out, "*Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.*" The people told him to be quiet but he cried out the more.

3. NEED:

A blind man needed to have his eyes opened and receive sight.

4. HOW WAS THE MIRACLE PERFORMED?

Jesus stood still and commanded the people to bring the blind man to Him. When Bartimaeus heard this, he threw away his outer garment and hurried to the Master.

Jesus wanted him to express his need and so asks him, "*What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?*"

The blind man quickly responded, "*Lord, that my eyes may be opened.*"

Jesus simply spoke the words, "*Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee.*" Immediately Bartimaeus was able to see clearly, the beautiful scenery around him, the men around him and the face of Jesus. He sends up a shout of praise and follows the Lord.

5. RESULTS AND THE LESSON TAUGHT:

One of the wonderful things to note is that this man knew who Jesus was. He called Him, "The Son of David." That was a truth that most men with sight did not know. He refused to be quieted but persisted crying out in desperation. He knew that it was now or never. So it should be with us. We should cry out in desperation for an opportunity of healing and blessing may never return.

D. DROPSY CURED:

1. SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Luke 14:2-4.

2. CIRCUMSTANCES:

This miracle took place in the home of one of the chief Pharisees. Jesus used this miracle to teach some very important truths. It was another miracle that was done on the Sabbath.

3. NEED:

A man with dropsy needed to be healed.

4. HOW WAS THE MIRACLE PERFORMED?

Very little detail is given. The record simply states "*he took him, and healed him, and let him go.*"

5. RESULTS AND THE LESSON TAUGHT:

Many truths may be taught using healing as a foundation from which to build these truths.

E. EAR OF THE HIGH PRIEST'S SERVANT HEALED:

1. SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES: Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:2-12.

This miracle will be studied in Life of Christ IV.

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SELF HELP TEST

A. Name the THREE things done by Jesus in healing the infirm woman.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. Name the THREE things taught in the healing of the infirm woman.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

C. What lesson do we learn from the Samaritan cleansed from his leprosy?

D. How was blind Bartimaeus healed?

E. What truth did Bartimaeus know even before he received healing?