

Chapter XXVII- *“Thou Canst Make Me Clean”*

- A. What were some of the stigmas associated with leprosy? Was anyone exempt from these?
- B. Given these stigmas, what caused the leper to seek Jesus so diligently? How diligently have you been seeking God in the last weeks and months?
- C. Why did Jesus tell the leper not to talk about his experience of being healed? In what ways is it possible that our own efforts for God can actually hinder His cause?
- D. Read Psalm 33:6, 9. What does this text have to do with the healing of the paralytic in Matthew 9:1-8? How has Christ’s creative power been manifested in your life?

Additional Thoughts

- 1. How did this leper differ from other lepers of his day?
- 2. What was Christ’s charge to the leper after the healing and why? (Page 264)
- 3. “It would indeed have been impossible to conceal it...” Does God ever ask us to do the impossible? (Page 265)
- 4. Jesus told the former leper to go to the priests who had pronounced judgement on him, to now pronounce him clean. Why? (Page 265)
- 5. Why does God sometimes grant prayer requests immediately and other times make us wait? (Page 266)
- 6. How did the “palsied” man get that way and what did he really want from Jesus? (Page 267)
- 7. Why were the rabbis interested in the healing of this man? (Page 268)
- 8. By what “power” did Jesus heal the man? (Page 269)
- 9. Would physical healing be enough for all the sick of this world today? (Page 270)
- 10. Personal views: List a favorite section from the reading or some new thought from this reading.