

# CLEANSING FROM SIN

Luke 5.12-26 // May 31, 2026

## JESUS TOUCHES THE UNCLEAN

Leprosy is a nasty disease that brings severe pain and suffering upon its victims. In Jesus' day, having a sickness like this would not only cut you off from physical interaction with others, but it also meant you were ceremonially unclean, and could therefore not partake in religious activity.

This does not mean that "God hates sick people." Quite the contrary. Being ceremonially unclean didn't even necessarily mean "sinful," either, but rather was another "sign" to show us that the created order is under a curse which is not how God had intended, and we see that God is ultimately "separate" from this fallenness.

Isaiah 61.1, 2

## JESUS KNOWS THE HEART

Then in **verses 17 to 26**, we see another scene where Jesus in a crowded home, and a group of friends bring one of their friends who had been paralyzed to be healed by Jesus. In this interaction, Jesus declares "your sins are forgiven," which infuriates the Pharisees.

Interestingly, Jesus never equates illness to be specifically tied to sin, and He also doesn't do so here, but He *may* be that it is known that this man's ailment somehow had to do with sin, or that He knew the man carried guilt of sin and that the paralysis was a stark reminder. Regardless, the Pharisees' attention is caught as they declare, "God alone forgives sin." Jesus, knowing their hearts, calls them out.

## GOD IN 3D

Something that Scripture does not afford us is the ability to turn Christ and His character and nature into a one dimensional picture. It is easy for us to focus on aspects of His life and ministry that we most desire, need, or value, but this is not how we ought to see Him.

**We are to be conformed to the image of Christ.  
We are *not* to conform Him into the image of us.**

We must look at *all* of Scripture to get a full picture of Jesus and His character.

Peter: "Depart, I am unworthy!"

- "Yes...but...I will make you a fisher of men."

The Leper: "I know I am unclean and shouldn't be touched."

- "Yes, but...I will that you be healed."

The Pharisees: "A holy God can't have fellowship with sinners!"

- "Yes, but...how can the sick be made well without a physician?"

## NOTES:

### Announcements:

**Community Meal:** Today, after service! Join us for some pizza and fellowship together.

**GPS Meeting:** This Wednesday night, **June 10th**, from **6:30-8pm**. Join us for a time of discussion and prayer as we trust God and seek His will for our church, specifically in our search for a new meeting place.

**Men's Gathering: Next Saturday**, June 13th, from 7.30-8.30am, here at the school. We'll be talking over **Hebrews 12.1-3** and God's work of sanctification in our lives.

### This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

**Psalm 105.1-5**

## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening with the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **Luke 5.12-26**. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

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### Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How does the fact that we see those "unclean" approach Jesus with boldness, followed by His reception and care affect how you see our ability to approach Jesus with our own uncleanness?

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### Your Life Mission

We all have some predispositions towards certain "favorite" aspects of God, or even misperceptions of God. We might love His holiness so much that we are overly judgmental and self-righteous towards others who fall short of His ways, or we may be so focused on that aspect that we then cower and heap judgment *on ourselves* because we realize we fall short of His ways. Both "unbalanced" approaches to an aspect of His character can produce a distorted picture of who He is. In this life, everyone around us has these predispositions, and part of our role as missionaries on this planet is to "exegete people" and get to know their hearts (as Jesus did in this story!). When we do this, we can help bring better clarity and balance to their understanding of the character and nature of God.

Who in your life are you having conversations with, or want to have connection with, that you are looking for ways to find in-roads into their heart and help point them to a better, clearer, more biblical picture of who Christ is?

### THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

**Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)

**Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)

**Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)

**Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)

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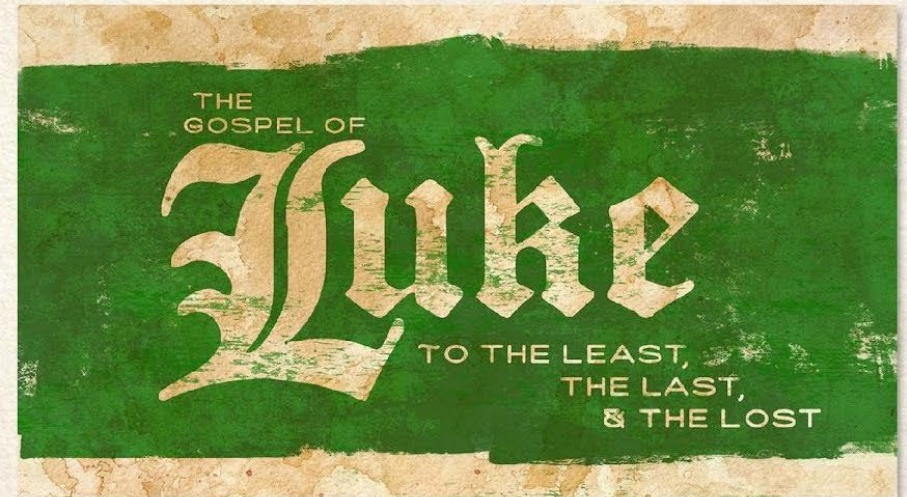
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