

I Am Willing  
Matthew 8:1-4

Review:

1. To come to Jesus, we must realize our uncleanness, our need for Jesus to cleanse us from our sin.
2. To come to Jesus, we must realize our helplessness, our inability to make ourselves right in God's sight.
3. Just as we claim Christ as Savior, we must submit to His authority as the Lord of our lives.
4. Jesus is both willing and able to cleanse us of our sin, even at the cost of His own life.

Go further: Read Leviticus 13:1-8, 45-46; 14:1-18

1. According to Leviticus 13:1-3, who was supposed to diagnose a case of leprosy?
2. What was the priest supposed to say if he became convinced that someone had leprosy?
3. According to 13:4, what happened to someone whose skin condition was not obviously leprosy?
4. According to 13:5, what led to a further period of isolation? How long was this second period?
5. According to 13:6, what would lead a priest to pronounce that someone didn't have leprosy?
6. According to 13:7-8, what was the proof of leprosy?
7. According to 13:8, what was the priest to say about someone who had a confirmed case of leprosy?
8. According to 13:45, what was a leper supposed to wear? How was he supposed to behave?
9. How does 13:46 describe the leper's condition? Where was the leper supposed to live?
10. According to 14:1-3, who was supposed to determine if someone had been healed of leprosy?
11. According to 14:4, what were the necessary items for the ritual to cleanse someone of leprosy?
12. In 14:5, how was one of the birds supposed to be killed?
13. According to 14:6 and 7, what happened to the other bird?
14. In 14:7, how does the priest apply the blood of the sacrifice to the leper? What does the priest say about him?
15. What was the cleansed leper supposed to do in 14:8 and 9?
16. What offering was the cleansed leper supposed to bring in 14:10?
17. What does the priest do with the blood of the sacrifice in 14:14?
18. In what different places does the priest put some of the oil in 14:16-18?

Apply:

1. What similarities do you find between the uncleanness of a leper and the uncleanness that sin brings to all of us?
2. How do you think the description of the ceremony for cleansing a leper in 14:4-7 point to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross?
3. What similarities do you find between the actions of the cleansed leper in 14:8-9 and the Christian life?
4. The ceremony of atonement in Leviticus 14:12-18 is very similar to the ceremony of ordination for priests in Leviticus 8:10-11, 22-24. Why should a cleansed leper have considered himself somehow set apart for God's service? Why should a forgiven Christian think of himself or herself in the same way?