



12 While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." 13 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. 14 And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." 15 But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. 16 But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray. (ESV)

1. Pray _____ (vv.12-13)

2. See _____ (v.14)

3. Obey _____ (vv.15-16)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 21:1-5**. Clearly God graciously and generously gives us far more than we need. What are some of the "superfluous gifts" that God has lavished on you recently and how do those gifts impact the way you think about obedience to Christ?
2. Read **James 4:1-4**. Of course God invites us to bring our heartfelt requests to him in prayer. But that doesn't mean we should be asking him for anything and everything. What are some things you can do to make sure your prayer list doesn't degenerate into a selfish list of worldly requests?
3. Read **Hebrews 11:24-26**. Given that we live in a fallen and sinful world, there will obviously be many times when obedience to God will be costly. What are some situations that make compromise tempting in today's culture?
4. Read **Colossians 3:5-10**. While unpleasant, why is this internal battle so important to be aware of and engaged in?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

June 30th

Job 19-20 & Ac.9:23-43

July 1st

Job 21-22 & Ac.10:1-23

July 2nd

Job 23-25 & Ac.10:24-48

July 3rd

Job 26-28 & Ac.11

July 4th

Job 29-30 & Ac.12

July 5th

Job 31-32 & Ac.13:1-23

July 6th

Job 33-34 & Ac.13:24-52

July 7th

Job 35-37 & Ac.14

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 10-15 – **Praying Through the Pain**

Msg. # 09-34 – **Set Free to Live Right: Confronting the Enemy Within**

Msg. # 04-25 – **A Brief Study of When God Breaks the Rules He Made**

Msg. # 06-31 – **Why Don't We Have Priests?**

Msg. # 06-32 – **Why Don't We Have a Temple?**

Msg. # 06-35 – **What's With All Those Animal Sacrifices, and Why No More?**

Msg. # 06-34 – **Why Don't We Have to Keep All Those Old Testament Ceremonies?**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bennett, Arthur. **The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions**. Banner of Truth, 1997.

Carson, D. A. **How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.

Chantry, Walter. **Signs of the Apostles: Observations on Pentecostalism Old & New**. Banner of Truth, 1973.

Feinberg, John A. **Deceived by God? A Journey Through Suffering**. Crossway Books, 1997.

Hutchinson, John. **Thinking Right When Things Go Wrong: Biblical Wisdom for Surviving Tough Times**. Kregel, 2005.

Kistler, Don, ed. **Trust and Obey: Obedience and the Christian**. Soli Deo Gloria Ministries, 1997.

Lewis, C. S. **The Problem of Pain**. Macmillan Publishing, 1962.

MacArthur, John. **Faith Works: The Gospel According to the Apostles**. Zondervan, 1994.

Mayhue, Richard. **The Healing Promise: Is It Always God's Will to Heal?** Mentor Books, 1997.

McGrath, Alistair. **Suffering & God**. Zondervan, 1995.

Owen, John. **Overcoming Sin & Temptation**. Crossway Books, 2006.

Packer, J. I. **A Quest for Godliness**. Crossway Books, 1994.

_____. **Rediscovering Holiness**. Servant Publications, 1999.

Plantinga, Alvin. **God, Freedom, and Evil**. Eerdmans, 1974.

White, Jerry. **Choosing Plan A in a Plan B World: Living Out the Lordship of Christ**. NavPress, 1987.