

# The Cleansing Touch of Jesus

Matthew 8:1-4

## I. God Provides Us Many Illustrative Metaphors to Assure Our Hearts of His Grace to Us in Christ.

1. The language of the courtroom. Cf. Rom.8:1
2. The language of the shepherd/sheep. Cf. Matt.18:10-14; Jn.10:11,27,28
3. The language of restoration of life and health. 2 Cor.4:5,6; Eph.2:4,5
4. The language of the family. Cf. Lu.15:11-24; Eph.5:25ff.
5. The language of a mediator. Cf. Rom.5:10; 1 Tim.2:5
6. The language of the slave market. Cf. Matt.20:28; 1 Pet.1:18,19
7. The language of rescue. Cf. Col.1:13; 1 Thess.1:10
8. The language of washing and cleansing. Cf. Ex.19:10; Isa.1:18; Mal.3:2

## II. Jesus' Encounter with a Leper.

1. An unnamed leper seeks cleansing. vv.1,2  
Cf. Num.5:1-4

Three purposes for OT quarantining.

*a. A practical purpose.*

*b. A theological purpose.*

Cf. Num.5:3; Isa.59:2; Rev.21:27

*c. A Christological purpose.*

Cf. Lu.24:27; Gal.3:24

2. Jesus the healer provides cleansing. vv.3,4  
Cf. Psa.51:2,7; Isa.53:8; Ez.36:24,25; 1 Jn.1:7,9; Heb.13:12

**What can wash away my sins?**