

Mark 5:25-34

HEALED BY TOUCHING JESUS' GARMENT

- I. Her affliction.
 - A. The woman suffered from hemorrhaging (a condition of bleeding) over a period of 12 years.
 - B. The result is that she was suffering.
 1. She suffered physically, being weak and very frequently very tired.
 2. She suffered also from the hands of man physicians (Luke 8:43), who drained her of her money.
 3. And she suffered spiritually, for the bleeding made her ceremonially unclean (Leviticus 15:19ff).
- II. Her healing.
 - A. Her only hope for healing was Jesus, especially after the failure of the physicians.
 1. She was not allowed any physical contact, so she sought to touch only His outer garment, and then only the hem or fringe.
 2. It seems that she repeatedly said to herself, "If I may touch but his robe, I shall be whole" (28; Matt. 9:20).
 - B. And she was healed instantly ("straightway").
- III. Her great faith was the means God was pleased to use to bring her healing (channel not the cause).
 - A. That she had faith (34) implies that she had been regenerated and given the gift of faith.
 - B. Jesus knew what happened (2:5,8; John 1:48; 2:25; 21:17), for "virtue" went from Him.
 - C. Notice that how Jesus affectionately addresses her: "daughter" (34).
 - D. "Thy faith hath made thee whole;" "be whole of thy plague."
 - E. Jesus declares her to be "whole," i.e., saved from suffering, but also now ceremonially and spiritually clean!