

# Luke 5:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

## Analysis

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Man full of leprosy fell on face besought him saying Lord if thou wilt thou canst make me clean. Full of leprosy advanced stage worst possible case. Fell on face prostration worship desperation. Besought deomai earnestly begged. Lord kurios acknowledges authority divinity. If thou wilt recognizes Jesus sovereignty not demanding presuming. Thou canst expresses faith in Jesus power ability. Make me clean kathairizō ceremonially and physically cleanse. Leprosy rendered person unclean excluded from worship community normal life. Leper faith is remarkable trusts Jesus despite hopeless condition. He does not doubt Jesus ability only questions willingness. Reformed theology emphasizes both divine sovereignty and human responsibility prayer. We ask acknowledging God sovereignty over outcomes trusting His character wisdom. Jesus does not always heal physically but always acts in love wisdom for His glory our ultimate good.

## Historical Context

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Leprosy covered various skin diseases rendered sufferer ceremonially unclean required isolation from community. Leviticus 13-14 detailed regulations quarantine. Lepers lived outside towns shouted Unclean when approached. Physical suffering compounded by social isolation religious exclusion. No cure existed. Priest could only certify if leprosy gone. This leper violating protocol by

approaching Jesus in town demonstrates desperate faith. His if thou wilt not doubt about power but appropriate humility acknowledging Jesus sovereignty. Ancient world saw disease as divine punishment. Healing miracles demonstrated kingdom breaking in restoring not just bodies but social religious status. Early church continued healing ministry.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. What does lepers faith doubting not Jesus power but willingness teach about proper prayer?
2. How does Jesus healing restoring social and religious status not just physical health demonstrate kingdom wholeness?

## Interlinear Text

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πόλεων καὶ ιδού, ἀνὴρ πλήρης λέπρας· καὶ ιδὼν τὸν  
city And behold a man full of leprosy And seeing G3588  
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Ἰησοῦν πεσὼν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον ἐδεήθη αὐτοῦ λέγων,  
Jesus fell on his face and besought him saying  
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Κύριε ἐὰν θέλης δύνασαι με καθαρίσαι  
Lord if thou wilt thou canst me clean  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 50:15** (Parallel theme): And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

**Luke 17:16** (Parallel theme): And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

**Matthew 9:28** (References Jesus): And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

**Hebrews 7:25** (Parallel theme): Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

**Psalms 91:15** (Parallel theme): He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

**Exodus 4:6** (References Lord): And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.

**Matthew 26:6** (References Jesus): Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

**Genesis 18:14** (References Lord): Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.

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