

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How did the woman demonstrate faith?
2. What lesson on prayer can we learn in this account?
3. Why was the woman in fear and trembling after being healed?
4. What does it mean to be on “prayer ground”?

SUMMARY:

The prayers and requests that reach the Master today are those that come from a heart in great need and distress, knowing that Jesus is the only source of help. All other methods have been tried, but fail. So many of our prayers are empty and never reach past the ceiling of the room because we feel self-sufficient. When we are in the proper prayer attitude, we can also touch the Master with the feelings of our infirmities. *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.”* (Psalm 51:17)

NOTES:

[SoF:8] We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #3

January 16, 2022

First Quarter

CHRIST, MASTER OF SICKNESS

LESSON TEXT: Mark 5:25-34; Hebrews 4:14-16

LESSON SETTING: Jesus teaching and healing near Capernaum as many crowded around Him.

TIME: About 28-31 A.D.

- I. FAITH EXERCISED.** Mark 5:25-28
 - A. Our Way. (vs. 26)
 - B. Resources Exhausted. (vs. 25) Luke 15:14
 - C. On Prayer Ground. (vs. 28) Luke 15:18-19
- II. FAITH REWARDED.** [SoF:8] Mark 5:29-34
 - A. Believing. Matthew 21:21-22; Mark 9:23; 11:22-24
- III. FAITH ENCOURAGED.** Hebrews 4:14-16
 - A. Our Contact with God. (vs. 14)
 - B. Knows our Needs. (vs. 15)
 - C. Honors our Faith on Conditions. (vs. 16) Hebrews 3:6

GOLDEN TEXT: *THY FAITH HATH MADE THEE WHOLE: GO IN PEACE.* Mark 5:34

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Matthew 9:35-38; 10:1-42

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 6:1-13; Mark 6:7-13;
Luke 9:1-6

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: THE MASTER'S COMMISSION

INTRODUCTION:

What was the Master's commission? To go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. This commission He gave to His twelve disciples in the early part of His ministry. It was like an introduction to the larger commission that He gave at the departure of this life. This time He said: "Go out into all the world and preach the gospel."

These twelve had to be taught by their Master what was meant by His commission before they could do the great work after He left. He began this work giving them power over sickness, disease, death, and evils. He asked them to take nothing with them. They had to be taught to become completely dependent. He told them only to enter the house worthy of being given that gospel. They had to learn to recognize those that want the needed help. They had much to learn.

So it is today, we also have much to learn before we can obey the Master's commission. The Holy Spirit is our teacher and guide and if we wish to obey our Master on our own the result will be disastrous failure. We too must become completely dependent to recognize where help is needed, and to recognize His leading.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Christ works for those who exercise their faith in Him.

GOLDEN TEXT: *I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD, SAYING, WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US? THEN SAID I, HERE AM I: SEND ME.*
Isaiah 6:8

What a contrast between the commission given to Isaiah in a vision and the one given to the twelve by our Lord! God was sending Isaiah for judgment to the people of Israel. Their eyes were to be blinded, their ears dulled and their hearts hardened, because of sin and disobedience. Their cities were to be laid waste, and their houses empty, and the land desolate, while the people were to be carried into captivity.

Now Jesus had come "to preach the gospel to the poor; to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4:18-19)

Now, the Master was giving the twelve a commission of hope and fulfillment to take to the cities of the lost sheep of Israel. "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" is still the message today, and we can also feel that Christ's Kingdom is coming soon, as we ask, like Isaiah, "Lord, how long?"

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 17 – 23

- M. *The Master's Compassion. Matthew 9:35-38
- T. *The Master's Commission. Matthew 10:1-8
- W. *The Master's Commands. Matthew 10:9-16
- T. *The Master's Admonition. Matthew 10:17-25
- F. *The Master's Concern. Matthew 10:26-31
- S. *The Master's Conditions. Matthew 10:32-42
- S. The Master's Example. Matthew 11:1-6

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