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The Healing of the Man with Leprosy (Ken Walston – Kenna Outreach Ministries)

I don't think a lot of people understood the significance of **Luke 5:12-14:** (*From the Hebrew perspective*)

This verse of scripture is overlooked in its importance as to the beginning Ministry of Yeshua ADONAI. This miracle was performed at the beginning of His Ministry on Earth right after He began assembling his disciples together. It is important to note that this disease (Leprosy) was considered under the Law of Moses as being a divine judgement against an individual (Leviticus 13:1-46). In all the history of Israel, up until the moment of this miracle, no one had ever been cured of leprosy. The significance of this man that Yeshua was about to heal, is that his leprosy was (all through him), meaning that the bacterial disease had gone throughout every organ of his body and he was near death. When he came to Yeshua, it was his last effort and desperate attempt in humility when he said " **"Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."** The next thing that Yeshua said is the most significant, **"***I am willing; be cleansed***."** And then he touched the man and immediately the leprosy left him. So, why is this so significant, this miracle?

1. The Levitical Priesthood had been exercising this Law (Leviticus 13) since the time it was given by Moses. It was understood that this particular disease was so defiled that it was a divine judgement from God and incurable by human means, thus viewed as a passage of judgement imposed by God Himself and could not be revoked by man.

2. Any individual that had been declared unclean by the Priest under The Law according to Leviticus 13 was a complete and utter outcast and considered no longer a part of the community of Israel. This meant that they were not to approach or come near anyone for the rest of their life. The Law also stated that no one in Israel was to touch a Leper or they would become defiled and unclean themselves.

3. This event in Luke 5 was to fulfill a single purpose, which was to identify The Messiah in fulfillment of Isaiah 35:6. Not only did the Leper disregard The Law by approaching Yeshua, but Yeshua as an Israelite also disregarded The Law by touching him. Had Yeshua not cured this man, his identity would have not been revealed.

4. After the healing, Yeshua sternly directed the man "*But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses Commanded.*" The significance of this was to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah 35:6. This would be the first time that the Levitical Priesthood would have to impose The Law according to Leviticus 14, so they were utterly stunned when this man approached them to fulfill this Law. It meant 2 things to them; 1: a miracle had been given which had never occurred before and 2: the possibility of Messiah being on the Earth was now evident.

5. The following verse of scripture in Luke 5:17 is typically overlooked by the Christian reader as a mere passage of information with no significant value. Luke 5:17 says: "*Now it happened on a certain day, as He "(Yeshua) was teaching, that there were Pharisees and Teachers of the Law sitting by, who had come out of* ***every*** ***town of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem,*** *and the power of the Lord was* ***present*** *to heal them*." The significance of this verse of scripture can be overlooked because of the way the English translation is written by chapter & verse number. The

original Greek text is not written in this manner. There are no spaces or verses, just continuous thought in the writing. So, this indicates a continuous commentary from the previous verse regarding the healing of the man and the day when Yeshua was teaching. The question which should be asked in the mind of the reader is why would Pharisees and Teachers of The Law come to where Yeshua was in Galilee, literally a hundred or more miles away, from every town in Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem? This means there were hundreds of these people showing up in this small village where Yeshua was teaching and healing. The answer refers back to Leviticus 14 having to be imposed for the first time. They were there to witness The Messiah coming to Earth. The significance of this is in Luke 5:17 when it says, "*And the power of the Lord was present to heal them*."

6. The witnessing of Yeshua healing an individual of something that could not be done by human means showed the Divine intervention of God which could only be performed by God, firstly in the forgiveness of sin and then the reversal of the Divine Judgement against the individual.

7. This act of forgiveness and healing together would sanctify the next miracle in Luke 5:18-26, where Yeshua healed a lame man by first forgiving his sins and then commanding him to get up and walk. The Teachers of The Law and Pharisees began to rebuke Him and claimed blasphemy because only God could forgive sins. By showing His divine personage as The Son of Man through the previous miracle, He now rebukes them by saying, "*Which is easier to say, your sins are forgiven you or get up and walk?*". Immediately the man rose to his feet, took his bed he was laying on and went home praising God.

This clearly showed that the Messiah was now on the earth and that He was in the form of a human man and that this man was Yeshua of Nazareth, whom many had already sot out as being the Messiah; but this also posed a great threat to the Teachers of the Law and the Pharisees because this would take away their focus of authority from the people and move it to this man who now was being called, “The Son of God”, no one less than, the Messiah, the Second Part of the Godhead (Elohim).

[**Commentary**]

The one thing that has always baffled me is when Yeshua was standing before the High Priest-Caiaphas, at the convening of the Sanhedrin Trial (The Council of Elders and Rabbi’s) (John 18:19-24, Matthew 26:57-68), in order to discredit Him and proclaim that He was committing blasphemy because He was being claimed as the Son of God and Messiah. The trial was a Mock Trial and totally against the ordinances of the Jewish Law in the way it was being conducted. It was done at night (which was forbidden by the Law) and before a select few from the Sanhedrin in order to sway a guilty plea and there was no trial to convict the accused. But, even so, when they were asking for proof to the claims of Him being the Messiah (*HaMashiach)*, why wasn’t the Miracle of the healing of the Leprosy brought up. This was known by all of them in this trial. Everyone in the Sanhedrin already knew of it including the High Priest. The man healed was commanded by Yeshua to go and show himself before the Priest and make an Offering of Cleansing according to Leviticus 14. This was a first in all of the History of the Jews and this news spread like Wildfire throughout Israel and every sector of the Religious Communities. Members of the Sanhedrin were part of the hundreds of Religious Leaders (Pharisees and Teachers of the Law) sitting by who had come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem to witness the Presence of God in this Man Yeshua, and the Power of God was in Him to Heal them all.

This alone, according to the Law of Moses and the Prophets was unwavering proof, that Yeshua (*HaMashiach) was* the Messiah and as claimed the Son of God, and that His Deity of being One with the Father (Elohim) was secure and the undeniable Truth. Why them was this not even brought up or mentioned in the Trial before the Sanhedrin or before King Herod when he was

questioning Him (Luke 23:6-12). They kept asking him the question, “Are you the Son of God?’, which if given to anyone else to answer Yes to, would have been utter blasphemy; but giving such a question to the One who performed this particular miracle according to the Law of Moses, should have been them say, “You are the Son of God and Messiah!”

What this shows is two-fold: 1) The deception and evil from the Powers of Darkness to overcome the Truth even when displayed openly and without any doubt as it being the Truth can subvert men who have evil in their hearts and want only their will and desires to be kept in place. The power and authority they desire is only of man and not of God. 2) It also shows that God’s Will be done, and that the Truth will stand forever before all men and before the Judgement Seat of God, who is the One whom they lied about and the One who they will stand before in the Final Day of Judgement. The ones whose names have been withheld from the Book of the Living, ***The Book of Life***, and will be cast into utter darkness.

“*Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the* ***Book of Life****. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. “And anyone not found written in the* ***Book of Life*** *was cast into the Lake of Fire*.” (Revelation 20:11-15)

It must be remembered that this is not Kenna Outreach proclaiming this Judgement or anyone in the Body of Yeshua (Body of Christ) or the Church; this is the Written and Proclaimed Voice of God who spoke this, the Word of God! It was written down as dictated by His Apostle John and sanctified as the Truth through the Testimony given by Yeshua Himself. “*I, Yeshua, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”* (Revelation 22:16)