

Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas

October 26, 2025 – Healing Touches & Holy Power: The Cleansing Touch

Main Passage: Matthew 8:1–4

Series: Miracle Moments: Power of the King

1. The Authority of Jesus

- Jesus concluded the Sermon on the Mount with words that carried divine authority (Matthew 7:28–29).
- He did not quote other rabbis — He spoke the very Word of God.
- In Matthew 8, His authority is displayed through His actions, confirming His identity as the Messiah.

2. The Leper's Condition

- Leprosy was incurable and symbolized both physical decay and spiritual uncleanness.
- Those afflicted were isolated from worship, community, and family (Leviticus 13).
- The laws of Leviticus 14 for cleansing a leper had never been enacted — until Jesus arrived.
- Leprosy became a vivid image of sin: it spreads, numbs, isolates, and destroys.
- References: Leviticus 13–14; Isaiah 1:18

3. The Messiah's Touch

- The leper's words — “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean” — reveal faith in Jesus' divine power.
- Jesus does what no one else would: He touches the untouchable.
- Rather than becoming unclean, His holiness makes the unclean pure.
- In that touch, Jesus takes the man's defilement upon Himself — a foreshadowing of the cross (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- References: Matthew 8:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21

4. The Priest's Testimony

- Jesus commands the man to show himself to the priest (Leviticus 14:1–20).
- This obedience was not secrecy, but a testimony to the religious leaders that the Messiah had come.

- For the first time in Jewish history, the Levitical cleansing ritual was fulfilled, authenticating Christ's divine identity.

5. The Spiritual Message

- Just as leprosy left a person isolated and helpless, sin separates humanity from God.
- Only the cleansing power of Jesus can remove the stain of sin and restore fellowship with the Father.
- His blood makes us "white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18) and gives new life to those once dead in trespasses.
- References: Isaiah 1:18; Romans 6:23

6. Application

- Without Christ, we are all spiritual lepers — unclean, distant, and without hope.
- Jesus is both willing and able to cleanse every sinner who comes to Him in faith.
- Like the healed man, our lives become a living testimony to the grace and power of the Messiah.
- The same Jesus who touched the leper still reaches out to touch broken hearts today.
- Key Verse: "Reaching out His hand, Jesus touched him, saying, 'I am willing; be made clean.'" — Matthew 8:3

"Leprosy was a death sentence, but one touch from the Savior turned death into testimony."

"He traded His righteousness for our unrighteousness so that we could be made whole before God."