

## Mark 1:44

*and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."*

Jesus told this man who was healed of leprosy to go and *"show yourself to the priest, as a testimony to them."* Meaning to show the priests how he was healed and testifying that Jesus healed him of his leprosy.

You must remember that the priest were the ones who studied God's word, memorized God's word, and taught God's word. Now with the testimony of this leper being healed, they would see God's word come to pass with their own eyes as they would now, probably for the first time, have to go through all that God said to do for a leper who was healed. They would have to go through the offerings and looking closely to verify that this man was totally healed. Because these same priests who would see him healed, were probably the same priests who originally examined him and said that he was unclean because of his leprosy.

† **Leviticus 13:8** *"And if the priest sees that the scab has indeed spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is leprosy."*

So, they either had to say that they were initially wrong in their assessment of calling him unclean and a leper, which they would never do. Or, they would have to admit that he was healed, and cleansed of his leprosy, and they would have to admit that Jesus was the one that healed him, because as Jesus told the man to *"show yourself to the priest"* and as he did, they would want to know what doctor did he go to, what herbs was he using, what food was he eating, what website did he go to, to find the cure.

Wait, there were no websites 2000 years ago. But isn't that what so many do, they seek the internet before they seek God? So many times they seek the world for their needs or healing or comfort or anything else before they seek the Lord. When they do, what they are trying to do is take the glory away from the Lord and placing it on man or even themselves.

The world asks us how we got healed, or how we got that job or that new car or why are we not freaking out when tragedy happens, because they want that same worldly way of obtaining what we have. But are we giving glory to God first, or to a bank, or a friend or our schooling or our savings or our man-made wisdom or what we found on the internet, or...?

Jesus has saved us and cleansed us of our sins and has even healed us of our past. Shouldn't all the glory be to God and not to man or our own devices and worldly means?

Jesus also said to the leper “*See that you say nothing to anyone*” The task was to be healed by Jesus, show the priest that he was healed of leprosy, so that the priest would have to proclaim that he was healed.

Our task was to be saved by Jesus, show the change in our lives to our friends and family, then they who know us will have to proclaim that God has truly done a miracle in our lives too.

✠ **Mark 5:19-20** *However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.*