

THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS

Lesson Twelve

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING (7): HEALING THE SICK WOMAN IN THE CROWD

Burden to Impart:

All persons, like this bleeding woman in the crowd, are sick from sin and need the Lord Jesus. No doctor could cure her disease, and no person or thing can heal our sick and dying (bleeding) condition except the Lord Jesus. We only need to reach out to Him in faith by praying to Him. In this way we can touch Him and receive His healing power. Even greater, He will reveal Himself to us.

Memory Verse: "And He said to her, Daughter, your faith has healed you; go in peace" (Luke 8:48).

Facts to Teach: [Scripture reading: Luke 8:42b-48]

1. One day as the Lord Jesus went on His way, a very great crowd followed Him. Although they were very excited and enthusiastic about the Lord Jesus, they were not sensitive to Him at all, for they were pressing Him, crowding Him, even crushing Him.

2. In contrast, one woman really wanted to "touch" the Lord Jesus. She felt a deep need, for she had been sick with a flow of blood for twelve long years. She had gone from doctor to doctor and had tried many different remedies and medicines. She had spent everything she had, all to no avail! No one on earth could help her, not even the smartest ones. She now sought the only hope left on earth, the Lord Jesus.

3. Not all who followed Jesus in the crowd believed in Him or loved Him. Many just followed the crowd. This woman, however, strongly believed in the Lord. She apparently did not feel worthy to stop Jesus and personally ask Him to heal her. Instead, she came to Him from behind and just touched the fringe of His garment.

4. The Lord instantly knew that healing power had gone out from Him. He stopped the crowd and calmed down all the commotion. He must personally meet each person healed by His power. He did not come only to heal the sick and solve their problems. He wants to meet us, and wants us to personally know Him. He is the fountain of life. We not only need His power to heal, we need to meet and know He Himself.

5. Along life's journey we may face difficulties and problems that no one can help us with. The Lord Jesus can and will. We only need to draw near to Him in prayer and touch Him. Not only He will meet our need, but we will also come to know Him. As a result, we will go on our way with His peace.

QUESTIONS FOR LESSON TWELVE

1. How many years had the woman in the crowd been sick?
(Luke 8:43)
2. Could the doctors help her? (Luke 8:43)
3. When she saw Jesus, what did she do? (Luke 8:44)
4. How did Jesus know that someone had touched Him? (Luke 8:47)
5. When she found out she had been discovered by the Lord Jesus, what did she do? (Luke 8:47)
6. What did Jesus say to her? (Luke 8:48)