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The subject of our lesson tonight is healing. I presume you would not be at all surprised at the subject. You have heard it before. We are often asked why we don't change the subject once in awhile and spend a little more time getting people ready for heaven. Well we are getting them ready for heaven, the answer is. When your sins are all forgiven and you are healed you are ready for heaven, and that is the sum total of our work as it was with Jesus Christ. Nearly all his work was healing the sick because he knew that sin and sickness were very close companions.

Well the text for our consideration this evening will be found in the 17th chapter of Luke, the healing of the ten lepers. The substance of the incident is this. Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem and they went along the borders of Samaria and Galilee and there they passed ten lepers who stood beside the road and said, "Lord, have mercy on us, have mercy on us." And Jesus ministered to them and

told them to go and show themselves to the priests, and one of them finding that he was healed came back rejoicing, and Jesus said, "Where are the other nine that were healed?" This one only was a Samaritan, the one that came back, this stranger returned. Now this was symbolical of something that takes place in man's consciousness, because we know that he was not only healing but passing through the regeneration. He was healing himself, and what he was doing for others he was doing for himself. What you do for yourself you do for the whole world. James Whitcomb Riley said once he was riding through Indiana and in an affectionate way put his hand on his companion's shoulder and said, "What a beautiful world this is and how many people in it are trying to make it better!" What a beautiful world it is and how many good people there are in it trying to make it better! Did you ever think of that, what a beautiful world it is and how many good people are trying to make it better? And are you one of those good people trying to make it better, or are you living for your own pleasure? If you are living for your own pleasure, and that includes, of course, eating, drinking,

and sight-seeing, well doing everything to make a good feeling in you, why you are just like these lepers. That is a fact. That is the sin Jesus Christ cast out of the lepers. It is that sin of sense pleasure, sensation which always leads to sickness which is primarily sin, and that consciousness needs healing in every one of us. Now there was the symbol of the place in the story. You know that every place mentioned in the Scripture has a peculiar inner significance, and Galilee means activity, it means primarily to whirl, that is life. Jesus and his disciples were walking along the borders of life, they went right into the life stream at that time, and Samaria means the intellect, the intellectual man. You know the Hebrews had nothing to do with the Samaritans. They despised them, but Jesus did not despise the Samaritans. You remember how he talked with the woman at the well, and he healed these lepers through the great universal understanding which he had of the law, that in the human race, as Paul said, there is neither Jew or Greek Gentile, neither white or black in reality only in consciousness, and when we have that great merciful love which Jesus



demonstrated, when we have that inner consciousness of unity, why we make no distinction. We can associate with all kinds of people and make them feel at home and be at home ourselves. We always learn something. I was reading this afternoon a letter from one of the bright girls in Silent Unity who is in the mountains of Colorado, waiting on the tables at a hotel, and she writes us some very breezy letters telling of her experiences and says there was a colored shoefuor at one of the tables one day and the other girls did not want to wait on him or have anything to do with him, and the hostess asked her if she had any objections to waiting on him and she said, "Certainly not." She waited on him and got into conversation with him and found that he was a very bright man, and he, supposing that she was a professional waitress, said she could find a better place in California and he slipped a tip to her and she took it all right. Don't you see where the understanding of the Truth brought her? If you put yourself in the place of the spiritual "I AM" you know just how to handle every situation. That girl knows more than the President of the United States. Yes,

I really think she does. She has a better understanding of the Truth. I saw another letter from a lady in Phoenix, Arizona. She writes, "I have enough to support me and I want to come to Silent Unity to work. I am a stenographer. And I don't want any salary and want to work, yet I don't know <sup>sometimes</sup> whether I want to settle down to spiritual work entirely or not, for there is a man here who likes me pretty well." She has had experience in the worldly life, but, like the children of Israel, she is mourning for the flesh pots of Egypt. She has not given herself wholly to the Spirit. If, like these men, she was cleansed of the man of sense, she would never have that longing for the sense consciousness. Now you know what the ten lepers represent. Why, they represent your senses. "But," you say, "I have only five senses." But you have two expressions of your five senses; every one of them are double. So the five senses are really ten senses, and are they impure? Yes, they have come under the law of impurity through their connection with the Samaritans, intellect and sensation. Now Jesus told those diseased senses to go and show themselves to the priests, and we have always in

in reading this wondered why he did that, for he criticized the priests, but in this case he told them to go and show themselves to the priests. They represent the consciousness in touch with Spirit. The priest, if he doesn't understand the law, should understand it. We should know the Divine law and it is in our spiritual thoughts that we come in touch with that spiritual law and when in healing ourselves of impurity in consciousness. And I say to you that every disease that you have in any of your functions, any of the five senses is a result of impurity primarily. I mean by that that you have <sup>not</sup> held to the one pure substance, you haven't realized the one pure life. Now the fact is that if you know the purity of the body, the purity of the spiritual body, you can't have any impurity in any way in your eyes. You can't have watery, weak eyes, with the water streaming out of them. That shows impurity. The natural man is trying to get rid of something. You can't have ears that are exuding substance or troubling you in any way, because that indicates that you are listening for something that isn't real and true. You can't have those things in reality if you know the truth,



and if you know the truth you must come in touch with spiritual consciousness, and then this infinite I AM in you touches its own realm and you will cleanse and purify every one of these five senses; all ten of the lepers will be cleansed and purified when you come into the purifying, restoring power of the infinite Spirit, the infinite Spirit. And Jesus said then, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." Thy sins be forgiven thee. You see there the direct connection between sin and impurity. Now those lepers under the law were compelled to stand to one side. Leprosy was supposed to have been a contagious disease. Doctors in this age deny it, but in that age they were compelled to stand aside and say, "Unclean, unclean, Lord, have mercy upon us." It is that state of dependence that craves healing. If you keep crying "impure, impure," why you fix yourself in <sup>the</sup> consciousness of impurity, and so long as you hold to that impurity, so long, in other words, as you hold to the diseased condition, you will never come out of impurity. You must, right in the face of apparent sickness, call out its realities. Call upon the cleansing power of infinite Good to come into your consciousness and wipe

away all sin, all sickness, and everything that in any way pollutes this great stream of life. Now the five senses and their ten avenues of expression in the body can be perfectly healed, and when they are all healed there will only be one. When you come into the spiritual consciousness you find that you have the one sense, and that is sensation. Now when the ten are healed there is one returning and that one is, I say, sensation and it is purified. Now sensation is good. In mysticism you know the serpent is the great conservator of life, the restorer, the one who has his tail in his mouth in the symbol. That means a continuous life. There is no break anywhere in the great life current. It is all like the great wheels that carry on the world, turning round and round, and that life current is constantly turning round and round in our mind and body. Positive mind and negative body, a constant current going through you. If you introduce the current of purity it will express purity, but if you express into it the idea of impurity and get down into the material consciousness and separate yourself from the one sensation and get into the sensualism, you fall away from your true state,



and that is where sin begins and impurity and disease ends it. Sin always always leads to impurity and disease. But I say every one of us may be healed. All that we need is that attitude of penitence, that desire to be healed, and giving up to the Spirit. Now that is the sum total of that healing we are constantly harping, talking on, because we know everybody needs healing. No matter how well you look, every one of you has of and we must every one of us be healed. I tell you you are not up to standard, you are not up to concert pitch in your body if there is the least bit of (deflection?) imperfection in any of your senses from the one Infinite perfection. You should be so perfect in your seeing that you would see to the farthest stars; you should hear the sound of any little insect or could hear the whirl of the most distant planet, because in Spirit and in Truth man is one with the Infinite Mind. So run through the gamut of your mind and find they are not material at all, but infinite expressions of the Infinite Good. If you know the Good, follow it; if you know these things to be true, think on them and you will come to the place where you will realize that the Lord Jesus Christ,

the Infinite perfection of the Divine Mind expressed through you can and does heal you. You are healed right now. You are in the consciousness of Divine health. Now that is why we are gathered here tonight to know more about this great healing law, that we may come under and follow and not be breakers of the law constantly.

I should like to hear for a few moments from those who have demonstrated the law.

#### TESTIMONIES

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