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Reading: Mark 5v25-34, 2 Chr. 16v12-13

Both people had a disease.

The Bible speaks about sin as a disease. One thing to recognise you have a physical problem, what about the spiritual? “**For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God**”(Rom 3:23). The whole world is guilty before God because of sin. Sin is anything that is less than the righteousness of God.

Paul the apostle had to learn that he was the chief of sinners. God's word says that we were “**Born in sin and shapen in iniquity**” (Psalm 51:5) and “**The soul that sinneth it shall die**” (Ezekiel 18:20)

God wants to walk, have a relationship with men, but sin separates us from Him, “**As by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin so death passed upon all men for all have sinned**”(Rom 5:12).

Both people had a desire to have their disease cured.

There is a cure for the disease of sin but you need to desire it. You need to make the change now. There are many admirable things – church, prayer, bible reading, giving to charity, volunteering – but they cannot deal with sin.

Asa had defeated the Ethiopians when he had his trust in God. Asa knew what God could do but in his disease he sought him not. “**Able to do exceedingly above all that we can ask or think**” (Eph 3:20).

The woman had to do something and she heard the Lord was coming. She came and there were crowds around. She didn't want to make a big show, she just wanted it to be quiet and simple.

“**Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest, take my yoke upon you and learn of me for my yoke is easy and my burden is light**”(Mat 11:28-29).

The Lord Jesus offers life everlasting.

“**came to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself**” (Heb 9:26); the sin of the whole world (John 1:29).

“**whom ye with wicked hands have crucified and slain**” (Acts 2:23)- on the cross He shed His blood - “**God has made to meet upon Him the iniquity of us all**” (Isaiah 53:6). The Lord Jesus dealt with the claims of the throne of God for sins. “**Their sins and iniquity I will remember no more**” (Heb 8:12)

The Lord Jesus dealt with sin, He paid the punishment, God will not hold your sin against you. The work has been done. God has been satisfied in the death of the Lord Jesus. You can come before God and accept this offer to you.

“**This is eternal life**”(John 17:3) Spending eternity with God but also a quality of life now, a “**peace that passeth all understanding**” (Phil 4:7).

We have a relationship full of power, life and joy.

“If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive” (1 John 1:9) “I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked...O turn ye, O turn ye for why will ye die?” (Ezekiel 33:11)

Many things may stop you becoming a Christian: your friends – are you more bothered about them than your eternal soul? We have no lease on life, we can be sure that we have eternal life. “**he that hath the Son hath life**”(John 3:36).

You will never get saved until you really want it. Now is the time of opportunity to find Christ as your Saviour.

Immediately she was cured. Salvation is not a long drawn out process. It is immediate:“**passed from death unto life**” (John 5:24), with a prospect “**to be with Christ which is far better**” (Phil 1:22), for “**In Thy presence is fulness of joy**”(Ps16:11).

Where are you going in relation to God? The man met death, the woman rejoiced. The decision is yours. Everyone has to make the decision: it is death or deliverance.

There is a place called the lake of fire “**prepared for the devil and his angels**” (Matt 25:41) those whose names are “**not found written in the book of life were cast into the lake of fire**” (Rev 20:15)

What will you do with Christ?