

Curing the Leper (*Garbo*)

Mathew 8:1-4

- 1 When Jesus came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him.
- 2 And then a leper approached, did him homage, and said, "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean."
- 3 He stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I will do it. Be made clean." His leprosy was cleansed immediately.
- 4 Then Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

Genesis 7:6-14

- 6 Noah was six hundred years old when the flood came upon the earth.
- 7 Together with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, Noah went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.
- 8 Of the clean animals and the unclean, of the birds, and of everything that crawls on the ground,
- 9 two by two, male and female came to Noah into the ark, just as God had commanded him.
- 10 When the seven days were over, the waters of the flood came upon the earth.
- 11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month: on that day all the fountains of the great abyss burst forth, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.
- 12 For forty days and forty nights heavy rain poured down on the earth.
- 13 On the very same day, Noah and his sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of Noah's sons had entered the ark,
- 14 together with every kind of wild animal, every kind of tame animal, every kind of crawling thing that crawls on the earth, and every kind of bird.

2 Kings 5:1-14

- 1 Naaman, the army commander of the king of Aram, was highly esteemed and respected by his master, for through him the LORD had brought victory to Aram. But valiant as he was, the man was a leper.
- 2 Now the Arameans had captured from the land of Israel in a raid a little girl, who became the servant of Naaman's wife.
- 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my master would present himself to the prophet in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."
- 4 Naaman went and told his master, "This is what the girl from the land of Israel said."
- 5 The king of Aram said, "Go. I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman set out, taking along ten silver talents, six thousand gold pieces, and ten festal garments.
- 6 He brought the king of Israel the letter, which read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

- 7 When he read the letter, the king of Israel tore his garments and exclaimed: "Am I a god with power over life and death, that this man should send someone for me to cure him of leprosy? Take note! You can see he is only looking for a quarrel with me!"
- 8 When Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his garments, he sent word to the king: "Why have you torn your garments? Let him come to me and find out that there is a prophet in Israel."
- 9 Naaman came with his horses and chariot and stopped at the door of Elisha's house.
- 10 Elisha sent him the message: "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will heal, and you will be clean."
- 11 But Naaman went away angry, saying, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand there to call on the name of the LORD his God, and would move his hand over the place, and thus cure the leprous spot.
- 12 Are not the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be cleansed?" With this, he turned about in anger and left.
- 13 But his servants came up and reasoned with him: "My father, if the prophet told you to do something extraordinary, would you not do it? All the more since he told you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"
- 14 So Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan seven times, according to the word of the man of God. His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Jeremiah 50:4-7

- 4 In those days and at that time—oracle of the LORD — Israelite and Judahite shall come together, Weeping as they come, to seek the LORD, their God;
- 5 They shall ask for Zion, seeking out the way. "Come, let us join ourselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant, never to be forgotten."
- 6 Lost sheep were my people, their shepherds misled them, leading them astray on the mountains; from mountain to hill they wandered, forgetting their fold.
- 7 Whoever happened upon them devoured them; their enemies said, "We are not guilty, Because they sinned against the LORD, the abode of justice, the hope of their ancestors."

Isaiah 33:2-9

- 2 LORD, be gracious to us; for you we wait. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of trouble!
- 3 At the roaring sound, peoples flee; when you rise in your majesty, nations are scattered.
- 4 Spoil is gathered up as caterpillars gather, an onrush like the rush of locusts.
- 5 The LORD is exalted, enthroned on high; he fills Zion with right and justice.
- 6 That which makes her seasons certain, her wealth, salvation, wisdom, and knowledge, is the fear of the LORD, her treasure.
- 7 See, the men of Ariel cry out in the streets, the messengers of Shalem weep bitterly.
- 8 The highways are desolate, travelers have quit the paths, covenants are broken, witnesses spurned; yet no one gives it a thought.

9 The country languishes in mourning, Lebanon withers with shame; Sharon is like the Arabah, Bashan and Carmel are stripped bare.

Acts 9:20-25

20 and he began at once to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.
21 All who heard him were astounded and said, "Is not this the man who in Jerusalem ravaged those who call upon this name, and came here expressly to take them back in chains to the chief priests?"
22 But Saul grew all the stronger and confounded [the] Jews who lived in Damascus, proving that this is the Messiah.
23 After a long time had passed, the Jews conspired to kill him,
24 but their plot became known to Saul. Now they were keeping watch on the gates day and night so as to kill him,
25 but his disciples took him one night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

Romans 3:27:4:3

27 What occasion is there then for boasting? It is ruled out. On what principle, that of works? No, rather on the principle of faith.
28 For we consider that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the law.
29 Does God belong to Jews alone? Does he not belong to Gentiles, too? Yes, also to Gentiles,
30 for God is one and will justify the circumcised on the basis of faith and the uncircumcised through faith.
31 Are we then annulling the law by this faith? Of course not! On the contrary, we are supporting the law.
1 What then can we say that Abraham found, our ancestor according to the flesh?
2 Indeed, if Abraham was justified on the basis of his works, he has reason to boast; but this was not so in the sight of God.
3 For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

Luke 5:12-16

12 Now there was a man full of leprosy in one of the towns where he was; and when he saw Jesus, he fell prostrate, pleaded with him, and said, "Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean."
13 Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do will it. Be made clean." And the leprosy left him immediately.
14 Then he ordered him not to tell anyone, but "Go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."
15 The report about him spread all the more, and great crowds assembled to listen to him and to be cured of their ailments,
16 but he would withdraw to deserted places to pray.