

THE TRANSFORMING TOUCH

TEXT: *Matthew 9:21: For she said within herself, If I may but touch His [Jesus'] garment, I shall be whole.*

Jesus proved Himself in this chapter to be victor over devils, disease, and death. This is called the chapter of "The Incurables".

The woman suffered many things from physicians for 12 years, and nothing bettered. Mark tells us that, in fact, she grew worse. He tells all about her efforts and attempts at healing. She tried the most and best skilled to no avail. She was nearly to despair.

She was like multitudes longing for deliverance of body and soul — groping in the dark, trying to climb to deliverance, but every chain of hope breaks. She suffered at the hands of many professional quacks — physicians of no profit.

There are preachers and teachers of the same character now, and more false prophets and deceivers.

It is not a quack you need, but a specialist — the Great Physician. He is never baffled; never loses a case; nothing is too hard for Him. The cure she got is old-fashioned, but it has no failure in it. When people come to the end of themselves, then Jesus makes bare His arm.

Jesus is the mighty soul specialist, also. It is not a bishop or a church, a catechism or a preacher that you need — it is Christ, the only Hope of Glory. No tramping to church or performing rituals of any kind will save you.

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Many thronged Jesus – but only one touched Him. The touchers get deliverance, not the throngers.

Have you ever come into personal contact with the Lord Jesus? Have your chains been broken, fetters snapped? Has your darkness turned to light? Your hell turned to heaven?

If I may but touch Faith is the only proper approach to Jesus. If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole."

The Spirit of God answers to the Blood of Jesus and tells us we are born of God. Have you touched Him? I know many of you are members of the church. You are professors. But, can you say, "I know in whom I have believed".

The touch of assurance . . . "Who knew she was made whole". She could sing, "The transaction is done; I am my Lord's and He is mine".

If you have touched Him and His deliverance has come to you, then you must confess Christ before others. She came in and told all that was done. There is no such thing as getting saved, healed, sanctified, or Spirit-baptized, and being ashamed of the Lord.

Romans 10:9-10:

⁹ That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

THE FIRE TOUCH - Got cleansing, got revelations of his uncleanness. In **1 Corinthians 3:13**, fire shows up our works. Our prayer should be: "Lord, show me myself, and then show me Thyself."

1 Corinthians 3:13: Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.



Fire separates. Fire penetrates. Put iron in the fire; the fire gets into the iron. You touch it and it is no longer just iron — you touch fire.

Man got on fire at Pentecost. Fire consumed their pride and their fear of men, their carnality, their bickering over who is greatest. Praise God for His power of deliverance. Pentecost destroys the love for carnality and the world.

Fire illuminates. Fire separates. Fire melts the hearts of the ungodly.

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