

Down From The Mountain

Matthew 8:1-4

Intro:

- A. **Jesus has concluded His Sermon on the mountain.**
 - 1. His message has left them dumb-founded.
 - 2. He taught them from the very mind of God. This was opposite to the scribes.

- B. **Jesus now comes down from the mountain. V.1**
 - 1. This was not to cease teaching.
 - 2. It was to place Himself in the midst of mankind.
 - 3. "...great multitudes followed him."
 - 4. follow = ακολουθεω = "to be a traveling companion," "to go with or after him."

I. The Coming Of A Leper.

- A. **"And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying..." v.2**
 - 1. worshipped = προσκυνεω = "to crouch or crawl, or fawn", "to prostrate one's self," "to do homage"
 - 2. leper = λεπρος = "scaly", "scabby." A disease in which nerve endings are destroyed, causing one to bruise and cut one's flesh without feeling. It made one unclean and an outcast in Israel. There was no known cure.

- B. **"Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."**
 - 1. Lord = κυριος = "principal," "ruler," here, God
 - 2. wilt = θελω = "to desire," "to have a natural desire"
 - 3. canst = δυναμαι = "to be able"
 - 4. clean = καθαριζω = "clear", "without blemish."

II. The Cleansing Of The Leper.

- A. **"And Jesus put forth his hand, and touch him, saying, I will, be thou clean." V.3**
 - 1. "And He stretched out His hand..."
 - 2. "and placed it upon the leper."

3. "I am willing, be clean again."
4. There was no screaming and postering.

B. **"And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."**

1. immediately = εὐθὺς = "directly"
2. Instantly he became clean.
3. There was no delayed action, no blaming of the man, no putting off until a better time.

III. The Command Of Jesus.

A. **He was to do three things. V.4**

1. "See thou tell no man:"
2. "shew thyself to the priest"
3. "offer the gift Moses commanded."
4. The Mosaic law. Leviticus 14:1-32

B. **The purpose of going to the priest.**

1. The Law was still in force.
2. "for a testimony unto them."
3. μαρτυριον = "witness," "make a thing known"

