



SIN

Missing the Mark

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Lesson 1

JESUS HEALS LEPROSY

Scripture to be studied: Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45;

Luke 5:12-16

The aim of the lesson: To show that the Lord Jesus Christ loves and cares for even the poorest and most needy. Far more wonderful than that: He has power to forgive and cleanse from sin.

What your students should know: That leprosy is a reminder of the awfulness of sin.

What your students should feel: A desire to have Jesus forgive their sins.

What your students should do: Believe that Jesus, the Son of God, died for their sin and receive Him as Saviour.

Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):

1. The lonely leper was doomed to die (Luke 5:12).
2. The leper asks Jesus to heal him (Matthew 8:1-2; Mark 1:40).
3. The Lord Jesus heals the leper (Matthew 8:3; Mark 1:41; Luke 5:13).
4. The leper returns home (Matthew 8:4; Mark 1:42-45; Luke 5:14-16).

The verse to be memorized:

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

Let the Lord impress the truths of this lesson upon your heart as you read it in your Bible in three of the Gospels.

THE LESSON

In previous lessons we have learned that the Son of God came to earth to take the punishment for our sin.

This series of lessons has to do with the subject of sin. You may already know a great deal about sin. So suppose you tell me what sin is. (Now, Teacher, ask as many questions as you can, so you will discover what your pupils understand about sin. We will list a few questions. You will think of others.)

1. In the sight of God, what is sin? (*Sin is disobedience to God. Sin is wanting our own way instead of God's way. Sin is missing the mark of the perfection of God. See Romans 3:23; 1 John 5:17.*)
2. If we have done only one wrong thing, are we sinners? (*Yes! See James 2:10.*)
3. How many people have sinned? (*All have sinned. See Romans 3:23.*)
4. What is the one sin that will keep us from receiving everlasting life? (*Not believing in the Lord Jesus as Saviour. See John 3:18.*)
5. What is the punishment for sin? (*"The wages of sin is death." That is, to be forever separated from God and all that is good and holy. See Romans 6:23; Ezekiel 18:4b; James 1:15.*)
6. What is the remedy (cure) for sin? (*Believing on the Lord Jesus as the Son of God and receiving Him as Saviour. "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*)

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

If your students have Bibles, be sure to have them look up the verses of Scripture. In their notebooks, under the topic of *Sin*, they should write the *references* which are used in answering the questions. Or, if they do not have Bibles, time should be taken for them to write some of the *verses* so they will have them to refer to.

Sin is an awful thing! And, humanly speaking, there is no possible way to get rid of it. We cannot get rid of our sin by deciding to be good. Cutting off the hand of a thief will not keep him from stealing. How can a person stop lying or cheating or losing his temper? Name any wrong thing you can think of. There is no human way of getting rid of it.

Here are five things to remember about sin:

1. There is no human remedy (cure) for sin.
2. A sinner is lonely.
3. A sinner often loses his friends.