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- Intro Music - “My Father Is So Good To Me”

Intro narrative by Carl Vasta

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is:

How Sin Is Like Leprosy

Leprosy is often thought of as an ancient disease spoken about in the bible, but people today still become infected with Leprosy.

Leprosy is spoken about in the bible and in one instance at 2nd Kings, Chapter 5, the prophet

Elisha cured a man with Leprosy named Naaman, who was commander of the king of Aram's army.

His servant girl, who was an Israelite, suggested he go to Elisha to be healed. When he arrived with a large amount of money and a letter from the king of Syria to the king of Israel requesting Naaman be cured of his leprosy, the Israelite king was in panic and tore his clothes, saying "Who can cure leprosy?"

When Elisha heard about the king tearing his clothes, he said to him, "Send him to me so that they will know there is a prophet [of God] in Israel."

When Naaman arrived at Elisha's door, he didn't come out but sent a servant with a note saying, 'Go dip in the Jordan river seven times and you shall be clean.'

Naaman was furious and started back home but the servants convinced Naaman to at least do what the prophet said, saying "If the prophet told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more when he says to you, 'Wash and be clean'?"

So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man

of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

In the Old Testament, Leprosy was mentioned 55 times but Naaman was the only one that was ever cured.

No one knew anything about where Leprosy came from or how it was spread. All that was known was that the disease over time rotted the flesh, had no cure and was fatal.

Jesus knew that just because a person had Leprosy didn't mean that the cause of their Leprosy was because of their sin, but compared sin to the way leprosy works on the human body.

Sin which progressively or over time rots it's victims and leads to their death.

Jesus healed fifteen people with leprosy in the scriptures and was not afraid to touch them. Besides the ten who were lepers that were healed, here is an example from Mark, 1:40-41.

Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If you are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."

There is still leprosy in the world today. It is not the same leprosy that existed in the bible, but today it's called Hansen's disease. According to the National Hansen's Disease Program, there are typically 150 to 200 cases of leprosy reported in the United States each year.

Several cases appear in the Southern United States including California, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, New York, Texas and Puerto Rico.

But **today's Leprosy Is Curable!** The disease is treated by a combination of antibiotics. It can take from 6 months to 2 years with this treatment according to the Centers For Disease Control and Prevention. (CDC)

Strangely enough, it was also revealed that sin was 100% curable a little over 2000 years ago when Jesus was crucified on a cross and took all of our sins completely.

But unfortunately, the sin in the world has blossomed to staggering proportions and threatens to eliminate most of those who could live forever.

The sad part about the whole thing is . . . One can be healed from any devastating disease and in the end . . . still have to die in this world!

The question is . . . Why would you choose death instead of an everlasting life that has none of this world's troubles, pain, worry, and the daily anguish that we experience now?

God told Isaiah about the human creation, that they ***'have stopped up their ears and closed their eyes, otherwise, their eyes would see and their ears would hear and their minds would understand, and they would turn to me, says God and I would heal them.'***

God, the Father sent his son Jesus to take all of your sins. Why not put your faith that His healing works and you can start a life knowing there is someone who has the power and the will to help you here on this Earth and welcome you with open arms into His Kingdom when you die here?

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given His Son Jesus, the good shepherd, to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.**

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these Bible Seeds: my commentary on some of these readings.

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