Daily Devotional, May 29, 2020

"Made Well", (Mark 6:56, NKJV)

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While Jesus Christ ministered on the earth, He healed many people, both physically and spiritually. In the context of our text, all who came to Him in faith at this specific point in His ministry received a physical healing. These events were brought to pass in order to teach us how Jesus responds to our greater need, a spiritual healing. Some folks have appealed to verses like this one to teach that Jesus Christ guarantees physical healing today in every case where there is sufficient faith. But that is ludicrous thinking, as this would mean that those who are faithful Christians would live physically eternally and never die, because they would keep getting healed! The truth is that there will come a day when everyone, faithful or not, will experience physical death. And then all that will matter is whether or not you have experienced spiritual healing by faith in God through Jesus Christ in this lifetime. "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27).

"And as many as touched Him were made well." It is recorded in the Bible that a certain woman who was unclean and therefore ostracized from the regular corporate worship of God in that day came one day and reached out to Jesus by faith, to touch "the hem of His garment. For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour" (Matthew 9:20-22). Her faith was met with an immediate cure, again a spiritual lesson for all of us. Maybe you have doubts about how much faith you have. Take heart, if Jesus as God and Savior is the object of your faith, spiritual healing shall be yours. Though your sins be many, the voice of Christ will say, "I am willing; be cleansed" (Mark 1:41). He has grace enough for you. His river of mercy has not run dry. "And as many as touched Him were made well." Come today for healing, help, forgiveness, and fellowship, and the Lord shall not refuse you. Reach out and touch His garment by faith, and you shall be "made well."