

# Authority II – Position, Power, and Prerogative

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Luke 5:12-15

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Leprosy – (Lev 13:45-46)

## Why is there illness?

Broken World

Lord's Discipline (1 Cor 11:27-32, Prov 3:12 and Heb 12:6)

Demonic Activity

God's Glory (John 9:2-3)

Illness is not evil, though it resulted from evil...

...but under God's Sovereignty, it can also be a means of bringing glory to God

## The good news is about a KINGDOM!

**Slide Jesus doesn't just cast out Satan's demons, He overthrows Satan's kingdom!**

Kingdom conferred upon the apostles (Matt 16:19, Luke 9:1, Luke 10:9)

***“Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”***

**POSITION:** He IS LORD, MASTER, KING –

**POWER:** He CAN make us clean, whole, righteous, healthy, fruitful...

**PREROGATIVE:** He CHOOSES... It is entirely up to Him!

## WHY DOESN'T God always heal us?

Powerful ministry

- Let's not miss those opportunities...

Discipline (Psalm 119:67, 71, 75)

Article, “Why doesn't God heal everyone?” [www.gotquestions.org/God-allow-sickness.html](http://www.gotquestions.org/God-allow-sickness.html)

- Let's not miss those lessons...

Display and Demonstrate God's Power

- Let's not miss His Glory!

Mark 1:43 Then He [Jesus] sternly warned him and sent him away at once, 44 telling him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go and show yourself to the priest, and offer what Moses prescribed for your cleansing, as a testimony to them.” 45 Yet he went out and began to proclaim it widely and to spread the news, **with the result that Jesus could no longer enter a town openly.**

Disobedience always hinders God’s work...

Let’s circle back to THREE items:

**ONE: “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”**

Position, Power and Prerogative

God has not changed:

His “position” has not been relegated,

His power has not been reduced, and

His prerogative has not been removed.

He CAN still do what HE chooses to do.

**TWO: KINGDOM of God**

Acts 5: Peter’s shadow

Acts 19: Paul’s “handkerchief”

James 5:13-16

Worship God

pray for His will, not your own (1 John 5:14-15)

God’s will?

that He be Worshipped – Luke 4:8

that people see the “Righteous One and hear... his voice” – Acts 22:14

that His people be in unity – John 17:20-23

that His people be sanctified – 1 Thess 4:3-5

Come in Faith (James 1:6-7)

Come in Repentance

**THREE: Your “Leprosy”**

2 Peter 1:3-4