

The Right Doctor

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Mark 5:25-28, "And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole." And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.

This poor woman was in a bad situation and had been for a long time. She suffered and her physical suffering was becoming worse instead of better. Not only this, but to add to her misery, she had lost all of her money in trying various cures that didn't work. Truly her situation was desperate and becoming worse with the passing of time. Then she heard of Jesus and the miracles that he had performed.

Can you put yourself in her place for a moment? For twelve years she had been suffering with this issue of blood. She would have been considered unclean and forsaken by many people. Loss of blood makes a person weak physically. Then too, have been in this condition for so

long, and spending her money on useless medicines would bring about a sense of hopelessness and despair in most folks.

We can compare her condition to the sinner who realizes that he is suffering and looking to ease his condition. Such a person might try different types of "Cures" to help him find relief. First he might try Doctor Religion. A vast number of people around the world are content with this doctor. They practice the ceremonies and rites of their religion and find a temporary sense of contentment. After all, with so many saying that they like Dr. Religion, they think that this has to work. They still have the same problem, but tell themselves that they are better.

Others may try Dr. Works as his prescription appeals to so many people. They do some volunteer work helping in some way. While this is a good thing to do, and it makes the person feel good, it doesn't cure the real problem. Jesus even told about this and how it didn't cure the sinner of his sin. Matthew 7 : 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you :depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Dr. Works put a Band-Aid on a problem that required major surgery. Works are necessary and are good to do, but they, of themselves, are not a cure.

Another doctor that is popular is Dr. Looks, also known

as Dr. Appearance. How many have believed that if you look good, you will naturally feel good. Some of the treatments prescribed by this doctrine are charitable giving. This is done by some to make the giver look good in the eyes of men. An added bonus is the deduction that can be used for taxes. Whether, or not, this is the inspiration of the act of giving, the one who donates often looks good in the eyes of men. A lot of people are very concerned about what people think of them and go to a lot of effort to keep up appearances. The flattery, and praise, of men does much to make a person feel good about himself.

Jesus faced those who subscribed to this and has this to say in Matthew **23:27-28**, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity." There are many false ways that claim to heal, but there is only one true way to be healed of sin.

Jesus is the great physical, and can be called Dr. Grace. **Ephesians 2:8**, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves :it is the gift of God. Only by coming to the Lord Jesus can we be saved and healed of our sins." Just as the woman with the issue of blood tried man's ways and was no better until she came to Jesus, so is the person who wants to be saved from sin.

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EVIL HAMAN
STUMBLING CLUMSILY ON THE QUEEN IN HIS FRENZY OF FEAR TO BEG FOR HIS LIFE, HAMAN HAS FURTHER INCURRED THE KING'S WRATH AND IS DULY SENTENCED TO DEATH, NOW...

IF IT PLEASE THE KING, MAY I SPEAK?

HARBONAH, THE KING'S CHAMBERLAIN, MAKES A SUGGESTION...

BEHOLD, HAMAN HAD A GALLOW'S CONSTRUCTED ON WHICH TO HANG MORDECAI WHO DID GOOD FOR THE KING - WOULD IT NOT BE FITTING...?

INDEED! HANG HIM THEREON!

AND SO IT IS THAT HAMAN ENDS HIS EVIL DAYS HANGED ON THE VERY SAME GALLOW'S UPON WHICH HE HAD PLANNED TO HANG MORDECAI, ALL OF WHICH HAS BEEN RECORDED IN THE BOOK OF ESTHER: CHAPTERS, 3-7.

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