

Touching the Hem

Text: Matthew 9:20 – 22 “And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind *him*, and touched the hem of his garment: ²¹For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. ²²But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.”

Introduction: If we could just reach out this morning and touch the hem of Jesus’ garment we could see so many folks healed spiritually and physically. It only takes faith. Faith is what we need this morning. The kind of faith the women in Matthew chapter nine had.

There was the secret hope for health by a woman. She had been hemorrhaging for twelve years .

She was desperately hopeless, feeling ashamed, embarrassed, and unworthy.

According to the law she was not to be in the crowd surrounding Jesus at all.

She was supposed to be isolated, but her desperation drove her to Jesus.

She felt that Jesus would never touch her because she was unclean, but she had heard so many wonderful things about Him: if she could only touch His garment, He would never know, and she would be healed.

Imagine her great faith! Jesus’ response was fourfold.

Jesus turned to the woman.

There was no way Jesus could have felt the touch to His robe.

He was being pressed and thronged by the crowd, yet when she stepped up behind Him and touched His robe, He knew. How?

How did Jesus know?

I. Her faith touched Him.

- A. It is faith that touches Jesus.
- B. Faith will never go unnoticed by Jesus.
- C. Faith will never be ignored by Jesus.
- D. Jesus stopped and turned to the woman.
- E. To Jesus the most important work in all the world is meeting a person's need.
- F. The more desperate the need, the more Jesus wants to stop and face the need.
- G. Nothing will keep Jesus from stopping and turning to a person who comes to Him in desperation.

“Commit thy way unto the lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass” (Psalm 37:5).

II. Her perseverance touched Him.

- A. Never give up praying.
- B. Matthew 7:7 “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: ⁸For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.”
- C. Don't get discouraged!
- D. Keep on going forward!

III. Jesus made her whole again.

- A. Spiritually
- B. Physically
- C. Emotionally
- D. You too can be made whole again.

Conclusion: If we could just touch the hem of Jesus' garment today lives would be changed, souls would be saved, sickness would be healed.