

YOU CAN STILL TOUCH HEM!

Mat 14:36 and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well.

Mar 6:56 Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

Mat 9:20 And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment.

Three times it is mentioned in the Gospels that people got healed by touching the hem on Jesus garment. Power flowed out from Jesus through the hem of His garment. There was something special about the hem of Jesus garment, so much so, that word got out that whoever touched his hem of His garment was getting healed. The woman with the issue of blood was set upon touching that hem. Large groups of people came to Jesus in hopes of touching His hem. What was so significant about the hem of Jesus garment? To see this we need to look in the Old Testament.

Num 15:38 "Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners.

Num 15:39 And you shall have the tassel, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the Lord and do them, and that you may not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined,

Num 15:40 and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God.

Every Israelite was commanded by God to have a blue hem made on their tunics which had tassels hanging from them. These tassels had blue thread in them. God commanded these to be made for a memorial to keep God's laws and to be holy. In Jesus day the Pharisees had broadened their hem quite a bit to draw attention to it. It was their sign that they were keepers of God's law and were holy. The broader your hem and the longer your tassels the more holy you appeared and declared yourself to be. Things have not changed much today! The hem in a Jew's garment was a sign of His total commitment to God and their holiness before the Lord.

This was the hem which Jesus wore which people desired to touch because all who touched it were made perfectly well and delivered of their affliction. People were coming to Jesus and grabbing hold of his tassels and being healed. Why was such power being released through the hem in Jesus garment? It was because the hem represented one's keeping of God's law and their holiness. It stood for their commitment to God's will and righteousness. The hems of the Pharisee's never healed anyone, even the real big ones! This is because none of the Pharisees fully kept the Law and all fell short of God's holiness and righteousness. They were all unclean to God and undeserving of His blessings. There was something different about Jesus' hem. It truly represented the One who fully kept all God's commandments and lived in utter holiness before God. He was altogether righteous in every aspect. He was separate from sinners and holy. Jesus wore the blue border and blue threads in his tassels because blue stood for what was heavenly. Jesus came from Heaven to bring perfect righteousness to man. It does not come from the Earth or man. It comes out of heaven from God to man. The High Priest in the Old Testament wore a blue robe under his ephod. This

represented holiness that comes from God above. Jesus wore blue on his hem and tassels. This was to represent that Jesus was our High Priest that bore our sins and transgressions and in turn gave us His perfect righteousness.

When people placed their faith in the hem of Jesus garment and touched it they were taking hold of Jesus perfect righteousness before God. They grabbed hold of Jesus perfect standing before God in their behalf as their priest. They were taking hold of God's righteousness.

All Jews wore similar garments but none brought healing except Jesus' hem. No Jew could place their faith in their own holiness and touch their own hem and be healed. It was touching the hem of Jesus that brought forth God's delivering power. There is no power in your own hem. Your own performance is wholly lacking to receive from God just as the Pharisee's hem's lacked power.

Too often, when we go to God we come to him based upon our performance of His law and commandments in hopes of receiving from Him. We often try to make our hems large and noticeable but they are powerless before God to receive from Him. We must humble ourselves and come to Jesus and touch His hem. We must put our entire faith upon His perfect performance before God on our behalf.

There were two things people did to receive the miracle power of God from Jesus. They earnestly desired to touch His hem. They very strongly felt their own lack and dire need for what Jesus had. Only those that were willing to humble themselves came to touch the hem of Jesus. See, the hem of Jesus from which hung the tassels were very near to the ground. In order to grab these tassels you had to bend down low or get on your knees. You had to humble yourself deeply to receive the virtue. This is something the Pharisee's would never do! It is only when we deeply realize our lack and cast

away all hope we have in ourselves that we will fall at the Lord's feet and grab His hem.

You might be a great need today. There is power and virtue that can be obtained from Jesus' hem. Humble yourself and cast away all your pride and self trust in your performance. Cast yourself at the feet of Jesus in worship and faith in His performance and righteousness. Simply reach out and receive what you need from God because Jesus merits it on your behalf. God has a miracle for you today. You can still touch Hem!