

Jubilee Ministries Church

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You Can Still Touch Hem!

I. Introduction

A. Thank you Pastor John for inviting me to speak. John was one of my very best students. I had to keep a step ahead of him.

B. Introduction of my wife and family

C. Tonight I want to look at a way in which many people in Jesus' ministry received from Him. We can receive the same way today. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. [**Hebrews 13:8**]

D. Key texts: [**Matthew 14:34-36; Mark 6:56; Luke 8:43-47**]

II. The Power in Hem!

A. [**Matthew 14:34-36**]

1. In Genessaret sick people were brought from the surrounding cities and they besought Jesus to touch the hem of his garment. As many as did this were healed. Healing power flowed out of Jesus through His hem.

2. In this instance many from different cities came and touched His hem and were healed. They must have heard of miracles when His hem was touched. They all besought to touch His hem.

B. [**Mark 6:56**]

1. This passage says that when he went into different cities and villages the sick desired to touch the hem of his garment. In the

previous passage all were brought to Him, but here it speaks of when he traveled out among the people.

2. Word got around that people were being healed by touching Jesus' hem. As many as touched hem were healed!

C. **[Luke 8:43-47]**

1. This woman with the issue of blood came with the express purpose to touch His hem!

2. **[Matthew 9:20-21]**- She said within herself that if she could touch his garment she would be healed. She came and grabbed His hem.

3. She had heard of the miracle power that flowed from the border hem of His garment. She was set on touching it herself! She touched it and power went out of Jesus and into her.

D. Power went out from Jesus through His hem to heal all who touched Him. What is so significant about the hem of Jesus?

II. The Hem of Jesus

A. **[Numbers 15:38-40]**

1. Every Jew was commanded to wear a garment that had a blue border on it with tassels hanging from it. These tassels had blue thread in them.

2. This hem was to represent their obedience to the Law and their personal holiness before the Lord.

3. This hem was commanded by God because right after he gave the Ten Commandments a man went out on the Sabbath to pick up sticks and he was stoned for it. **[vs. 33-37]** This hem was a reminder of the holiness that God demanded.

B. [Matthew 23:2-5]

1. In Jesus day the Pharisees who boasted in their keeping of the Law would make wide boxes on their foreheads and make their border on their hem larger than the regular Jews did. This was to show to all just how holy and upright they were. They boasted in keeping God's law.

2. Jesus denounced these men as unjust.

C. Important fact: No Jew found healing in a Pharisee hem.

D. Important fact: No Jew found healing in his own hem.

E. Only Jesus' hem produced power. All who touched Jesus' hem were healed. What made Jesus' hem different then the Pharisee's hems?

F. What the Pharisees boasted of with their large hems they did not have. They claimed they kept the law and were righteous and holy but they were not. No Jew had ever lived up the perfect standard of the Law. If you stumble in one point you are guilty of all it. **[James 2:10]**

G. The fact is that God moves upon the basis of righteousness. He just does not move on our standard of righteousness. Man's kind of righteousness is filthy rags. **[Is. 64:6]** God moves on the basis of absolute righteousness. That is why no Jew or Pharisee was healed by their own hem.

H. Jesus was the only One who kept and fulfilled the Law completely and perfectly. Jesus' hem truly represented His perfect obedience to God's Law and His righteousness. God's power flowed through His hem which represented His righteousness. Jesus kept the Law in His life and fulfilled the Law by His death. He did it as our High Priest- as our

representative. Touching Jesus Hem was to touch the righteousness of Christ!

I. [Ex. 28:31]- The robe of the ephod wore by the High Priest was made in blue. Blue stands for what is heavenly. The blue which the High Priest wore and the blue the Jews wore on their garments were to teach that true righteousness which God's demands only comes down from heaven and does not come from the Earth. Jesus is our High Priest. He is our representative. His righteousness is given to us by His own sacrifice.

III. Touching Hem Today

A. People in the ministry of Jesus got healed by touching His hem.

B. We today can receive our healing and anything else we need by touching His Hem.

C. How do we touch His hem today? [Matthew 14:34-36]

1. We must understand that we receive from God based upon Christ's righteousness and not our own. If we are trusting in our own performance then we will not receive. We cannot find what we need in our own hem.

2. The people came to Jesus with a realization of their great lack but also with faith in His standing before God to provide for them. They besought the Lord. They felt a great need for Jesus.

3. They humbled themselves. Jesus' hem and tassels were near the ground. You would have to stoop or get on your knees to touch His hem. We must humble ourselves before the Lord. We need to cast

away all pride and self righteousness and receive from Jesus by faith in His standing before God.

D. [Acts 3:1-12; 16]- Peter said that healing did not come from his own holiness. It came through faith in the name of Jesus. A name in Jewish time stood for the character, standing, and merits of a person. We receive from God based upon the name of Jesus.

E. [Col. 1:12]- God qualified us to partake of our inheritance- wholeness, healing, prosperity, peace, etc. We do not qualify ourselves.

F. The priest in the Old Testament was there to inspect the offering of those who needed to sacrifice. The priest spent all of his time examining the offering and no time examining of the one who offered. If the offering was acceptable then the offerer was accepted and then that person could receive blessing from the Lord. God spends no time examining you when you come to Him with your need. He examines the blood of His Son that is before Him on the mercy seat. When you come to God in the name of Jesus- based upon His character, standing, and merits then your offering is found perfect and acceptable. You can then receive from what you need from God by faith.

G. You can still touch Hem! Altar call