

## God Sees You as His Valuable Creation

**Overview:** The compassion of Jesus towards the leper in Mark 1:40-45 demonstrates that God wants to restore each of us to the precious valuable creation that the Creator intended us to be.

### A. A Study of Mark 1:40-45.

1. The leper's predicament.
  - a. Mark 1:40  
40 Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."
2. The leper's de-valued image was restored.
  - a. Mark 1:41-42  
41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out [His] hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."  
42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.
3. The leper's testimony was misplaced.
  - a. Mark 1:43-45  
43 And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once,  
44 and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."  
45 However, he went out and began to proclaim [it] freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.

### B. God Sees You as His Valuable Creation.

1. Don't let the devil steal your identity of who God created you to be. John 10:10
2. God made you in His image. Gen 1:26
3. We are changed into His image from glory to glory. 2 Cor 3:18
4. Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus. Luke 9:23