

"And he did that which was right in the Sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done; save that the high places were not removed: the people sacrificed and burnt incense still on the high places. And The LORD Smote the king, so that He Was A Leper Unto The Day Of His Death, and dwelt in a several house. And Jotham the king's son was over the house, judging the people of the land." 2 Kings 15:3-5 KJV



Leprosy was the result of Azariah's negligence and he had to live in quarantine. He allowed the people to continue in idolatry when he had the power to rid the land of it. He lived right, "according to all that his father Amaziah had done;" but his standard was his dad's rules, not God's. His life became one of exile and misery, because he tolerated idolatry. If we could only see sin for the ugly, soul-eating canker that it really is! Men see sin as fibs, mistakes, and ignorance, but in God's Eyes it Is Seen as the leprosy of the soul! "Whosoever shall keep The Whole Law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." Leprosy is slow and terminal. Lepers are shunned, because of the grotesque, contagious, deforming scourge of leprosy's blight. They were not even allowed to live in the camp, but had to remove far away and if no one brought them food, they starved. Their clothing was nothing but filthy rags, saturated with their own scaly rot! The leper's stories in the Gospels are better understood if we were leprous ourselves. They had nothing to lose and were desperate! Faith is not an accessory to life; it is the essence of life. Until you have nothing to lose, you won't need God! When you rub elbows with sin, it matters little the magnitude YOU place on it. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Study and meditation of God's Word are good, but if you don't obey it, you've sinned. "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." It is burning incense to Baal! Leprosy is a slow terminal rot of body and sin is a slow terminal rot of soul. The Commands of God's Word are His Law. "Thy Law Is Truth. Thy Word Is Truth. Sin is the transgression of The Law." Unless you desire to do Them and promptly confess your shortcomings, you are spiritually leprous and a dangerous contagion to all your fellow believers! The only One Who Ever Healed leprosy Is Jesus and He's The Only One Who Can Heal sin's leprosy; believer and unbeliever alike. He "Came Not To Call The Righteous, but sinners to repentance, for all have sinned and come short of The Glory of God."

Obeying Truth is choice of soul,
Obedience will make us whole,
Faith restoring our life and right,
Twill guide us safely Home in Light! –CGP

God's Word Is The Truth. Like It or not; ignore It or not; obey it or not; your treatment of It determines your eternity! We buy insurance, "Just in case," but totally ignore or neglect our eternity. Earthly life is temporal, but your soul is eternal. Those who think to use Faith as insurance, will find themselves damned! God's Word Tells us, "Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name?' Then Will I Profess unto them, 'I Never Knew you: depart from Me.'" Jesus Said, "Whosoever heareth These Sayings of Mine, and doeth them." Are you DOING? "And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments. He that saith, 'I know Him,' and keepeth not His Commandments, IS A LIAR, and the Truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily Is The Love of God Perfected: hereby know we that we are in Him." Obedience is the earmark of Faith; "the Evidence of Things NOT seen!" Dear believer, what leprous "high place" quarantines you?

"If we confess our sins, He Is Faithful And Just To Forgive us our sins, and to Cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 KJV