

The Touch of YAHWEH
(Isaiah 6:1-8; Matt. 17: 1-7; Luke 17:11-16)

(part 3)

Isaiah was a man of unclean lips and lived among a people of unclean lips; but after he had seen the glory of YAHWEH, he then said, Woe is me, for I am ruined, because I am a man of unclean lips and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts (vs.5)! The touch of YAHWEH came to him through a seraphim, who touching his lips with a glowing coal said, Your wickedness is removed and your sin is atoned for. Isaiah was then touched with forgiveness and deliverance and a new commission was given him, Who should I send? Who should go for us? Here I am, send me; was the answer (vs. 7, 8).

Jeremiah was a young man when the word of the Lord came to him, commissioning him as a prophet saying, I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born; I appointed you a prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:5). Hearing these words he excused himself from the responsibility before him saying, Oh no, Lord GOD! Look, I don't know how to speak since I am only a youth. The Lord then rebuked Jeremiah and encouraged him by saying, Do not say: I am only a youth, for you will go to everyone I send you to and speak whatever I tell you; do not be afraid of anyone, for I will be with you to deliver you; then the Lord reached out His hand and touched his mouth with healing and power of words so that he could perform the difficult task before him. The Lord said, Look, I have filled your mouth with My words (vs.9). Then the Lord confirmed His calling.

The touch of YAHWEH in one's life who is set apart for His service is certain and sure in giving him all that is necessary for His calling to be fulfilled, as Paul told the Philippians, I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of YAHSHUA MESSIAH, developing and perfecting and bring it to full completion in you (Phil. 1:6); and in the words of Peter, For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (II Peter 1:3).

When YAHSHUA walked this earth, He touched many lives with physical healing; He touched the eyes of the blind and gave them not only physical, but spiritual sight as well; at their proclamation of faith, YAHSHUA said, Let it be done to you according to your faith (Matt. 9:27-29). He never denied those who sought His touch of healing, even those who touched His robe were made perfectly well. John the Baptist testified about Him saying, The Word became flesh and tabernacle among us; and we saw His glory, such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace and truth; out of His fullness we have all received one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift upon gift (John 1:14-16). This proclamation of John is evident in YAHSHUA'S touch of healing; He had fulfilled Isaiah fifty-three even before He went to the cross, as Matthew said, He drove out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick, so that what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: **He Himself took our weaknesses and carried our diseases (Matt. 8: 16-17)**. In the healing of the blind of John chapter nine, there was a dispute between the Pharisees and the blind man concerning YAHSHUA, Who had healed him.

The blind man, being summoned by the Pharisees a second time, answered them, Whether or not He's a sinner, I don't know. One thing I do know: I was blind and now I can see! and he continued refuting the Pharisees by saying, This is amazing thing, you don't know where He is from, yet He opened my eyes! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He listens to him. Through-out history no one has ever heard of someone opening the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, He wouldn't be able to do anything. These words from the healed man, lead them to throw him out of the synagogue. It was not long when YASHUA knowing of his experience, came to him and touched his spiritual eyes to see Him as his Messiah, Who had come to heal and save him. He asked him, Do you believe in the Son of Man? He replied, who is He, Sir that I may believe in Him? YAHSHUA then answered, You have seen Him; in fact, He is the One speaking with you. Then he said, I believe, Lord! And there he worshiped Him (John 9:1-38). That was his day of salvation!

The touch of YAHWEH to men came in many forms: He healed the blind, he healed the one bent with the spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; He healed the cripple and cast demons from several people, including from those from the dumb and mute, He spoke and the withered hand of this particular man was healed; He touched all of them with His mercy and love and redirected their lives to follow what was right; He raised the only son of a widow of Nain, as Luke relates, Soon afterwards He was on His way to a town called Nain; just as He neared the gate of the town, a dead man was being carried out; he was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; He had compassion on her and said, "Don't cry." Then He came up and touched the open coffin and the pallbearers stopped and He said, Young man, I tell you, get up (Luke 7:11-14)! That was the touch of resurrection power coming from the author of life Himself- YAHSHUA the MESSIAH!

When YAHSHUA had arrived at the home of a leader of the synagogue He found his daughter already dead. He touched her by her hand and called out, Child, get up! Then her spirit returned and she got up at once (Luke 8:40-56). In the experience of Lazarus, who had been in the grave for four days, He called Lazarus out with a shout! The resurrection power went deeply into Lazarus and life entered him. All creation hears His voice and submits to His power; when He touches the wind it obeys Him to a calm and He positions it to its normal way; the sea submits to Him in the storm and the waves lose their strength of destruction; at the command of the Master of life, the trees bow down to Him at the touch of His fingers; nothing escapes His touch; we, His children, must submit ourselves to His touch of sanctification to achieve the touch of glorification. In the experience of the Mount of Transfiguration, when the disciples heard the voice of YAHWEH, they fell facedown and were terrified, but with the touch of YAHSHUA's hand they got up at His command. The disciples, witnessing His power over the sea, asked the question, Who is this that even the sea obeys Him? Yes, we do know Who this man is. We have come to experience His touch also and we can say, He is the Son of YAHWEH, the Savior of the world; the Creator of all living things; we have seen His glory and testify that He is Who he says He is! Even the demons tremble in His presence!

On the road to Damascus with the purpose to persecute the believers in YAHSHUA, Paul experienced His luminous touch that had come from the light of YAHSHUA'S presence blinding

him. He later wrote Timothy and said, He is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, the only One who has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom none of mankind has seen or can see, to whom be honor and eternal might. Amen (I Timothy 6:15-16). When Paul was touched by YAHSHUA'S light, he then received his spiritual healing, and his spiritual blindness in the form of scales, was removed from his eyes. At the touch of YAHSHUA'S hand, the wife of Peter being healed of a fever, got up and served Him. The psalmist, after being touched by YAHWEH said, Come and listen, all who fear YAHWEH, and I will tell what He has done for me: I cried out to Him with my mouth and praise was on my tongue; He has not turned away my prayer or turned His faithful love from me (Psalm 66:16-17,20). Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts before Him. God is our refuge (Psalm 62:8); experience the touch of the heavenly Father; taste and see that He is good all the time!