

## Daily Devotional, November 19, 2020

### 'Unfortunate Sufferers', (Matthew 15:30)

*“Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus’ feet, and He healed them.”* (Matthew 15:30, NKJV)

This verse speaks of people who had diverse needs, but were cured by the same Physician. Thompson’s Chain Reference Bible lists the title over this verse as ‘Unfortunate Sufferers.’ Every one of us is an unfortunate sufferer at a point in time, either physically, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually. Some who were brought to Jesus were “**lame**.” They could not walk. Are there any of you that have not walked fully in God’s paths these past days? Be honest. Others were “**blind**.” They could not see and their world was enveloped in physical darkness. How many of us have been “**blind**” to spiritual truth, but then someone showed us Christ, the better way? Still others were “**mute**.” They could not speak. They were silent, and unable to communicate. Have you been “**mute**” before men with regard to proclaiming the gospel? Have you failed to communicate with God in prayer, all too often? Then there were the “**maimed**.” They bore some kind of permanent wound or scar. Hard lives of bondage to all manner of sin leaves men in a “**maimed**” condition. What I am about to say is probably not politically correct, but I am no politician. We used to refer to certain young ladies who had slept around and then had a child out of wedlock as ‘damaged goods.’ The sinful lifestyle had given them a “**maimed**” reputation. Those given to much alcohol are often “**maimed**” in later years by liver disease. We can be spiritually “**maimed**” too. Maybe you were mistreated by some clergy or religious person. This is sad, but know this, God did not do that, and He who sees all things will repay in due season. Don’t let your relationship with God be a “**maimed**” one because of anything that any man or woman did to you. Every person and every circumstance spoken of here has the same remedy—the healing that only Jesus can provide. Come to Him today for peace and help, and if you need human help to get to Him, seek it. But ultimately, know this, fellow unfortunate sufferers, God Himself will give you a full spiritual healing if you ask for it.