

TOUCH!



TOUCH = culmination of desire

rebellion

God said, “You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the midst of the garden, and you must not TOUCH it, or you will die.” (*Genesis 3:3*)

faith

Then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for 12 years came up behind him ... she said, “if I only TOUCH his cloak, I will be healed.” *(Matthew 9:21)*

TOUCH = breakdown of barrier

negative

Put limits for the people around the mountain, and tell them, “Be careful that you do not go up the mountain or TOUCH the foot of it. Whoever TOUCHES the mountain shall surely die.”

(Exodus 19:12)

Depart! Go out from there!
TOUCH no unclean thing!
Come out from it and be pure,
you who carry the vessels of
the Lord. *(Isaiah 52:11)*

positive

A man with leprosy came and knelt before him. “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” Jesus reached out his hand and TOUCHED the man. “I am willing”, he said. “Be clean!” Immediately he was cured of his leprosy.

(Matthew 8:1-3)

TOUCH = transfer of power

Saul went to his home in Gibeah,
accompanied by valiant men whose hearts
God had TOUCHED. (*1 Samuel 10:26*)

One of the angels flew to me with a live coal
in his hands ... with it he TOUCHED my
mouth and said, “See, his has TOUCHED
your lips. Your guilt is taken away and your
sin is atoned for.” (*Isaiah 6:7*)

Once again the one who looked like a man
TOUCHED me and gave me strength.
(*Daniel 10:18*)











God's supreme power over creation is conveyed by its response to his touch.

The Lord is Almighty. When he TOUCHES the earth, it melts ... (*Amos 9:5*)

When he looks at the earth, it trembles.
When he TOUCHES the mountains, they smoke. (*Psalms 104:32*)

Genesis 2:4 The Lord God **made** the
earth and heavens ... *[asa]*

Genesis 2:7 The Lord God **formed**
the man from the dust *[ytzr]*

God's **personal attention** to the man is brought out by the use of the word “formed” (implying TOUCH)

God **limits** Satan's "touch" on the life of his children. (*Job 1:12, 2:6*)

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses. We have one who has been tempted in every way just as we are, yet without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence ... (*Hebrews 4:15-16*)

Christ is **not untouched** by our **human weakness**, having shared in it.

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