Outline

* + Today leprosy is not very common as it was before in the Middle Ages.
  + Leprosy, some call it Hansen's disease, was seen to cause skin lesions that damage the skin and sometimes damage permanently.
  + Although it does not lead to somebody's parts falling off, it exposes one to secondary infections.
  + For a long time, there has been a misunderstanding about leprosy since most believed that it was a curse from God while others had a strong belief that it was hereditary; this was before the biological cause was determined.
  + The most unfortunate bit was that people suffering from this disease were stigmatized and thus were affected greatly.
  + According to the apostles' people should honor the weak in society.
  + However, ecclesiastics decided to abandon the teaching of Jesus Christ and ignored the lepers such that they never allowed them to interact with other people, even in churches.
  + The highly feared the disease with the belief that it was a curse from God. Besides, they felt if they shared and worshiped in the same churches, they would get harmed.
  + They were allowed to establish their churches and be served by their own priests.
  + Also, they were not compelled to pay tithes not because it was unnecessary but the ecclesiastics highly feared the interaction with the lepers.
  + The stigma attached to the disease made it hard for people to come out whenever they were affected.
  + Whenever one developed a physical challenge that seemed close to leprosy, they tried to seek help as fast as possible before others realized it.
  + It was traumatizing enough, especially when one visualized how the members would treat them of the society.
  + When Sadid al-Mulk developed a white patch on his skin, his father was very concerned that it would turn to be leprosy.
  + He had to summon Bultan to examine and determine whether Sadid was suffering from leprosy for being so anxious.
  + The father was willing to pay anything amount as long as his son would get cured.
  + He knew and understood very well that if it were found to be leprosy, then his son's life would change greatly from then.
  + It took the mercy of God to get healed. Healthy people looked down upon those that were sick.
  + People believed that the sick turned evil and became insane; they would do great harm to the rest of the population.