

**Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"**  
**"Thank You, Jesus"**  
**Luke 17:11-19**  
**Study-70**

**If sickness moves us to Prayer, health should move us to Praise!**

One of the rarest of virtues today is that of gratitude. **Psalms 103:2**

**Nothing is more detrimental to discipleship than the sin of ingratitude.**

**A thankless Christian is a contradiction of terms. 1 Thessalonians 5:18**

**Luke 17 Discipleship Attitude Towards God And Others:**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "True Faith Is Always Accompanied With A Thankful Heart Because Ingratitude Is More Deadly Than Leprosy."

- 1. Verses 11-14 Cleansing Lepers**
- 2. Verses 15-16 Solitary Thanks**
- 3. Verses 17-19 Jesus' Response**

**1. Verses 11-14 Cleansing Lepers**

**Luke 17:11 While He was on the way to Jerusalem,**  
**Context of our passage: Luke 9:51-19:27 Jesus is journeying to Jerusalem**

**Luke 17:7-10 Indebted Grace: (Disciples Are Slaves to God)**  
God does not owe us a thing; now Jesus speaks about gratitude!

**He was passing between Samaria and Galilee.** *"Through the midst of"*  
**Samaria** – lies between Galilee and Judea. This travel is recorded in **John 11:54**

The distance from Galilee to Judea going straight through was 70 miles which was two and a half days journey. Jews would take the long way around, 140 miles, which would be 5 days.

**Luke 17:12 As He entered a village,**  
Luke is not concerned about the location

**ten leprous men** - This was a mixed group. At least one of them was a Samaritan.

**leprous:** These men looked like they came out of the grave. The skin is rotting a way.

**Description of Leprosy: "Leprosy" is now called "Hansen's Disease"**

**Missionary/Doctor Paul Brand Hansen's disease** comes solely because the body's warning system of pain is destroyed.

**There are 3 Types of Leprosy:**

- 1. "Nodular," or "Tubercular Leprosy" -** (Lasts up to 9 years.)
- 2. "Anesthetic Leprosy" - "Called Progressive Death"** (It lasts 20-30 years)
- 3. "Leprosy Proper" -** is a mixture of both of these.

**Old Testament Alluded To Leprosy Being More Than A Decease:**

The detailed instructions in **Leviticus 13-14**

**Deeper Than Skin: Leviticus 13:3**

**Starts As A Little White Spot Then Spreads: Leviticus 13:5-8**

**Defiles And Separates: Leviticus 13:44-46**

**Fit Only For The Fire: Leviticus 13:47-59** as "dead" **Numbers 12:12**

**ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him;** Because of the disease the lepers were separated from non-lepers, others.

**When traveling, lepers would cover their mouths and yell "Unclean!"**

**Religiously** - One could not enter the synagogue or the temple.

Leprosy as punishment from sin. Examples - **Miriam, Gehazi, and Uzziah.**

Leprosy was used by Isaiah as a picture of sin (**Isaiah 1:4-6**).

**Socially** – Separated from spouse and children **Leviticus 13:45-46.**

**Economically** – They could not work because of being defiled.

**Physically** - The outlook was a slow lonely death.

**Mentally** - They had no one, they were out all alone.

**Leprosy Is A Description Of Sin** - It is never said that the **Leper was healed but that the leper was cleansed.**

**The very Laws that condemned Leprosy lacked the ability to remove it as the Law could not remove sin from the sinner. Romans 8:3**

**Luke 17:13** they raised their voices, saying,

All ten of the lepers cried out to Jesus.

**"Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"** *"Chief commander" being in charge, or supervisor.* **They were loud and persistent!** Not asking for healing but mercy.

**Luke 17:14 "Go and show yourselves to the priests."** This was a call to faith.

**You went to the priest to verify that you had been cleansed. You would not go until there was no evidence of leprosy.**

**Leviticus 14:1-32** A passage that deals with the cleansing of Leprosy. **(8-day process that culminated with the leper returning home)**

**Ear** - We then can hear Him.

**Hand** - We can serve Him in our service.

**Foot** - We can walk in His ways.

**And as they were going,** (The Ten Acted, Obedience) **Hearing the gospel of Jesus never saved anyone faith must be followed by commitment!**

**they were cleansed.** That it was as they walked in obedience, which was faith

## **2. Verses 15-16 Solitary Thanks**

**Luke 17:15 Now one of them,** - Notice that there are not ten but only one is returning to give thanks.

**when he saw that he had been healed, turned back,**  
The Lord had cleansed him.

**glorifying God with a loud voice,** (Word "loud" = *megaphone*)

**This is spontaneous praise to God! If we don't give thanks quickly, we usually do not do so.**

**Luke 17:16 and he fell on his face at His feet, He saw Jesus as the source!**

**giving thanks to Him. (Praise to Jesus)** The Lord is looking for.  
**Psalms 107:8**

**And he was a Samaritan.** Salvation is offered to all, not just Israel!

## **3. Verses 17-19 Jesus' Response**

**Verses 17-18 Jesus's Disappointment Of The Nine: Jesus asks three Questions:**

**Question #1** Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? Too often we are content to enjoy the gift, but we forget the Giver.

**Question #2** But the nine—where are they? That is a good question! **God was not the center of their gratitude! (They Missed the real encounter)**

**Question #3** Luke 17:18 "Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, What does God owe us? Luke 17:7-10 **Indebted Grace: (Disciples Are Slaves to God)** God does not owe us a thing; now Jesus speaks about gratitude!

**except this foreigner?" foreigner** – by the Jews as a term for "*pagan or heathen.*"

**The 9 Lepers reveal the attitude of the house of Israel.**

**The Thankful Samaritan is the example of Gentiles that would happily and gratefully thank God:**

**Luke 17:19** And He said to him, "Stand up and go; Now it was time to go to the priests.

**Spiritual Cleansing: your faith has made you well."** Literally, "*your faith has saved you, your faith has brought you salvation, cured you.*"

**The nine were declared cleansed by the priests but this man was declared by Jesus to be cleansed of sin.**

### **Application:**

1. Cleansing Of Leprosy Reveals That Jesus, The Son Of Man, Has Power To Cleanse From The Defilement Of Sin.
2. Where True Faith Is, There Will Be Found A Thankful Heart. Spontaneous Praise To God; If We Don't Give Thanks Quickly, We Usually Do Not.
3. Some People Settle For Just The Physical Touch Of God And Never Receive The Spiritual Touch.
4. Genuine Worship Is The Giving Of Thanks To God. Thanksgiving Is The Only Thing We Can Truly Give To God Because All Materials Are His.