

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers**TEXT: John 17:11-19****STORY ELEMENTS:****Setting:** circa 31 AD**Main Characters:** God, Jesus, the disciples, and ten lepers**Plot:** Jesus heals ten lepers, but only one shows gratitude.**Key word(s):** "where are the _____?"**Climax:** *Luke 17:14 (KJV 1900)**14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.***The Goodness of Christ**

1. After raising Lazarus from the dead in Bethany near Jerusalem, opposition to the Savior heated up and he again finds refuge in outlying areas (John 11:54).
2. (vv 11-13) As the Passover approached, Jesus began to make his way towards Jerusalem, passing through Galilee towards Samaria. In a village, he is met by ten _____ who all call out to him, desiring to be healed.
3. (v 14) Jesus commanded them to shew themselves to the priests. This was an implicit promise of healing.
 - (a) If a leper was healed, he was required to show himself to the priest in order to be officially recognized as ceremonially clean and welcomed back into _____ . (Lev. 14:1-32)
 - (b) All ten lepers were healed "as they went." "Observe, *Then* we may expect God to meet us with mercy when we are found in the way of _____. If we do what we can, God will not be wanting to do that for us which we cannot. Go, attend upon instituted ordinances; go and pray, and read the scriptures: *Go show thyself to the priests; go and open thy case to a faithful minister, and, though the means will not heal thee of themselves, God will heal thee in the diligent use of those means.*"¹

The Gratitude of the Samaritan

4. (vv 15-16) Though ten were cleansed only one man returned to thank Christ for his healing. His gratitude was:
 - (a) _____ – his thanks was offered before he could enjoy the blessing.
 - (b) _____ – he was as loud in his praise as he was in his petition.

¹ Henry, Matthew. *Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible: Complete and Unabridged in One Volume*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 1994. Print.

(c) _____ – his gratitude incited humble worship for the great blessing he received.

5. (vv 18-19) Jesus takes the opportunity to open his disciples eyes to the all-inclusive Gospel: of the ten lepers, the one that returned with thankful worship was a despised _____. The disciples – and even the early church – needed to learn that the grace of God is at home in the hearts of Gentiles as well as Jews.

Application

6. True gratitude to God for his blessings will lead us to humble worship. Anything else is _____ sentiment.

Gen 32:10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

7. God is good to _____, but very few return his goodness with humble worship.

Mat 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Psa 145:9 The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

Notes

ANSWER KEY:

key word(s): "nine"

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2. lepers
3. a) society; b) duty
4. a) Quick; b) Sincere; c) Humble
5. Samaritan
6. vain
7. all
