

BUT WHERE ARE THE NINE

LUKE 17

Text: Luke 17:17

(Luke 17:17) "And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?"

Introduction:

In our text ten lepers are healed but only one returns to give the Lord Jesus the proper thanks for his healing touch upon them. If you figure it out percentage wise, only one out of ten, or 10% came back to thank Christ for what He had done. Lets not be guilty of being part of that 90% who do not give Him thanks and glory due His name.

Notice

1. THE CONDITION OF THE MEN (VS 12)

(Luke 17:12) "And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:"

Leprosy pictures sin in a person's life or an individual before salvation.

A. They were defiled.

1. Lepers had to cry out Unclean in the presence of others in order that they might be warned of defilement.

B. They were denounced.

1. No one wanted anything to do with a leper.

C. They were distanced. (vss 12) afar off

1. We too before salvation are a far off.

(Ephesians 2:13) "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

D. They were denied.

1. A leper was not able to take part in public worship due to the fact that he was defiled and might infect others.
2. A person's sins must be forgiven before he or she can truly worship God.

2. THE CRY OF THE MISERABLE (VSS 13)

(Luke 17:13) "And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

A. It was a desperate cry

1. No one else could help them.
2. No one else can help man in his sinful state.

B. It was a definite cry. (For mercy)

1. At salvation one is at the mercy of the Lord
2. There is no other means or name by which one can be saved.

C. It was a dependent cry (Jesus was there only resort for healing)

1. Jesus is the only source of Salvation.

(John 14:6) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

3. THE COMPASSION OF THE MASTER (VSS 14A)

(Luke 17:14) "And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed."

- A. Little did they know that the words spoken by the Saviour would result in their healing.
- B. Their healing took part as they went, when they were obedient to the Word of God.
- C. The Lord was moved by their plight and by their faith in Him.

4. THE CLEANSING OF THE MARK ONES (VSS 14B)

They were cleansed. "Only Jesus can make the leper (the sinner) clean.

5. THE CELEBRATION OF THE LEPER.

- A. Was glad for his cleansing.
- B. Results of offering thanks
 - 1. Returned to give thanks

2. Thankfulness leads to rejoicing

3. Thankfulness leads to blessings.

Close:

Jesus said in vs 17,18, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save the strangers. Faith had made them whole; however, that faith was anchored in the person of Jesus Christ. May faith express itself in our lives through gratitude and thanksgiving unto God.