

WERE THERE NOT TEN CLEANSED LUKE 17

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Introduction:

I Want To Address a Sin Today That We Might Call a Respectable Sin: The Sin of Ingratitude or the Sin of Being Unthankful.

1. A FAMILIAR SIN – MAJORITY ARE GUILTY

- a. Found Throughout The Bible (CHILDREN OF ISRAEL)
- b. Born With this Sin Problem...Have to be taught to say “Thank you”...An attitude of gratitude must be cultivated.

2 Timothy 3:1-2

¹This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2. A FORGETFUL SIN

Psalms 103:2

² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

- a. Saves
- b. Satisfies
- c. Supplies
- d. ...But We Are Guilty of a “WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR ME LATELY” ATTITUDE

3. A FATAL SIN

Romans 1:21

²¹ Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

- a. 1 OF FIRST STEPS OF MAN’S DOWNWARD SLIDE AWAY FROM GOD
- b. WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL...CHURCH... OR A NATION BECOMES UNTHANKFUL, THEY HAVE SIGNED THEIR SPIRITUAL DEATH WARRANT.

Note:

1. UNCLEAN MEN

Luke 17:12

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

A. Their condition

1. Suffering

2. Spreading

Leviticus 13:8

⁸ And *if* the priest see that, behold, the scab spreadeth in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: *it is* a leprosy.

3. Separated

Leviticus 13:46

⁴⁶ All the days wherein the plague *shall be* in him he shall be defiled; he *is* unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp *shall* his habitation *be*.

Illustration:

Leprosy is a perfect picture of sin

- Suffering
- Spreads

Romans 5:12

¹² Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Exodus 20:5

⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

- Separation
 - Family
 - Jail
 - Hell

B. Their cry

Luke 17:13

¹³ And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

1. Cried with their might
2. Cried to the master
3. Cried for mercy

C. Their cleansing

Luke 17:14

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.

1. The compassion of the Lord – “saw them”
2. The command to the lepers – “go shew yourselves.”
3. The compliance of the lepers – “they went.”

2. UNGRATEFUL MEN

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¹⁷ And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?

These nine were healed but didn't even take the time to say thank you.

Today 10% of those who say that they are a Christian will say thank you by the way they live their lives:

- Sunday evening services
- Wednesday evening services
- Offering plate
- Soul winning/visitation
- Devotional life

3. UNUSUAL MAN

Luke 17:15-16

¹⁵ And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

His man was:

Alone – one of them

Alien – a Samaritan

A. His response

1. Worked – turned back
2. Worshipped
 - a. Words – loud voice
 - b. Walk – fell down on his face

Read words of the Song “To God Be the Glory”

B. His reason

Why was he thankful?

1. He had been hopeless, now he had hope.

2. He had been homeless, now he can go home.
3. He had been rejected, now he would be received.

C. His reward

Luke 17:19

¹⁹ And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

1. This Samaritan's friends were declared clean by the priest but he was declared saved by the Son of God.
2. It's wonderful to experience physical healing, but the greatest thing that one can experience is salvation.