

The Ten Lepers

(Luke 17:11-19)

- Introduction:
1. The story of the ten lepers is a very well known story.
 2. This narrative can teach us several practical lessons.
 3. Therefore, let's examine the story and see what application can be made to our lives today.

I. The Story Itself

- A. (Luke 17:11-19).
- B. Ten lepers met Jesus from a distance.
- C. They lifted their voices and cried out to him for mercy.
- D. Jesus told them to go show themselves to the priest.
- E. When they saw that they had been healed, only one leper returned.
- F. Of the lepers who returned, the only one who did return to give thanks was a Samaritan.

II. Practical Lessons We Can Learn From This Account

- A. We All Have A Deadly Problem Like These Lepers.
 1. (Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23).
- B. We Must Admit Our Problem & Cry Out For Help.
 1. (Luke 17:13).
 2. Life and death matters trump formality and etiquette.
 3. If you know you have a problem, will you cry out for help?
 4. (James 4:10).
 5. Don't let pride stand in the way of your salvation.
- C. God's Power Is Not Given Until We Act In Faith.
 1. (Luke 17:14).
 2. Note that they weren't healed, then went; but rather they went and were healed.
 3. (Hebrews 11:30).
- D. God Expects Thanks.
 1. (Luke 17:17).
 2. (Hebrews 13:15).
- E. Those Who Are Closer To God Are Not Always Who You Would Expect.
 1. (Luke 17:16) He was a Samaritan.
 2. (Luke 18:10-14).
 3. (1 Corinthians 1:26).

- Conclusion:
1. If you were one of those lepers, would you have cried out? If once cleansed, would you have given thanks?
 2. Do you need deliverance like those lepers did? And if you have been delivered, have you been giving thanks?