THE TEN LEPER’S LESSON


Vs. #11 - Jesus is NO respecter of persons. Samaritans were not acceptable in the natural, to the Jews, during this period of time. (Acts 10:34)

Vs. #12 - Ten lepers met Him afar off. These ten men were very desperate. Sometimes, we have to get to the place of desperation to believe God for a miracle. We don’t have to live like that, though. Just keep a hungry, desperate heart for God, EVERYDAY! (Matt. 6:33 / Psalms 42:1 & 2 / Matt. 5:6)

The lepers stood “afar off”. This represents exclusion. Sin excludes us. That’s why we need a Saviour who already has redeemed us. (Titus 2:14 / Heb. 9:12)

Note: The Talmud law required 100 paces or 300 feet for lepers to stay away from people.

Vs. #13 - The lepers cried out in faith! “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” What is mercy? Webster says: “compassion shown to an offender...” “...compassionate treatment of those in distress.” (Lam. 3:23 / Ro. 9:15)

Vs. #14 (a) - “Go show yourselves to the priest.” In today’s terms, that’s like saying, “go to your doctor to have it documented.” Leviticus 14:1 - 32, describes the law of Moses and what to do. Jesus wanted the visual proof of the leper’s healing take the place of verbal testimony before a Jewish priest.

Vs. #14 (b) - “as they went, they were cleansed.” (Matt. 8:13 / Matt. 9:29 / James 1:22) We must put ACTION to our faith in order to see results. (Give examples of people who were healed in Kathryn Kuhlman’s meetings)

NOTE: I’ve seen people get enough strength and faith to go to the doctor but not go to the church. Doctors are a gift from God. There is no sin in going to doctors. But when our faith is stronger in the doctors, than the Word of God, there is something wrong! (James 2:14; 17; 20; 24; 26) FAITH ALWAYS HAS ACTION !!! ALWAYS. (Matt. 7:24)

Vs. #15 - Only ONE noticed he was instantly healed. “He saw that he was healed.’ FAITH HAS RESULTS. FAITH WILL MANIFEST EVENTUALLY OUTWARD VISIBLY. What is done in secret could be made manifest to the public. (Matt. 6:6)

This one leper glorified God “with a loud voice.” What is WRONG with people today? We can shout, get excited and lift our voices for every other event or people, except
for GOD?!?! We shout at sports games, winning prizes, good news, celebrations or celebrities. Yet, the God of this universe, our Creator, the lover of our soul, gets very little recognition or praise. Instead, there is complaining, murmuring (Phil. 2:14), cursing, bitter words, and the ‘blame game’. God gets blamed for a lot of stuff He didn’t do. (John 10:10) We need to glorify God, no matter what. NO MATTER WHAT! (Psalms 113:3 / I Thess. 4:18 / Psalms 150:6 / Psalms 67:5 & 6 / Psalms 63: 1-5 / Psalms 50:23 / Psalms 42: 11(b) / Psalms 35: 27 & 28)

Vs. #16 - This Samaritan fell down at Jesus feet and gave Him thanks. When was the last time YOU thanked God in this way for what He’s already done for you? It seems once our prayers are answered, we mutter a shallow thanks and go on with a new list of what we want from God. LET’S REMEMBER THE GOODNESS OF GOD. LET’S REMEMBER HOW HE’S BROUGHT US THROUGH IN TIMES PAST. LET’S REMEMBER HOW HE’S ALREADY SAVED, HEALED,DELIVERED AND SUSTAINED US. (Heb. 10:32 / John 14:26) The Holy Spirit living in us helps us to remember the goodness of God.

Vs. #17 - Where are the nine? Good evaluation of the percentages of those who are thankful and those who are not. What percentage category are YOU? Among the thankful or complainers? Do you receive your blessing and run off without stopping to give thanks to God? Our prayers SHOULD be filled with more thanksgiving and praise than petition. SEE: THE LORD’S PRAYER - Matthew 6: 9 - 13.

Vs. #18 - Jesus called this man a “stranger”, which implies this one (former) leper was the only Samaritan in the group of ten.

This is just a speculation...but this man was probably use to a hard life of rejection and being out-casted, even BEFORE his leprosy. Samaritans were not that welcomed or embraced among the Jews in that day.

Vs. #19 - “Arise, go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole.”

Jesus was telling this man to “Arise, go thy way....” Jesus wants us to GO, WORK, and SERVE HIM THE REST OF OUR LIVES. I’m sure this former leper did just that.

God’s blessings SHOULD get us EXCITED !!! The most excitement we display should be that our soul has been redeemed from hell. (I Peter 1:18 / Eph. 1:7 / Col. 1:14)

The angels in heaven REJOICE over ONE sinner that repents. (Luke 15:10)

If the angels (who have never been redeemed) get that excited, how much MORE should we? We have a gift given to us that the angels cannot praise God for - our eternal soul being redeemed from the power of the grave. A lost soul being rescued from the very pits of hell is worth getting excited about.
REPENT. REJOICE. RECLAIM YOUR VICTORY. YOU CAN BE HAPPY AND LIVE A VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIFE, NO MATTER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MAY BE FACING TODAY. You are not facing any situation alone. God is with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you, when you are walking with Him.