

LESSONS FROM LEPERS
NOVEMBER 20, 2022

LUKE 17:11-19

- 1.) Leprosy and sin have similar characteristics
 - A.) Leprosy: A disease that spreads throughout the body. It's incurable by man. It stays with you until death. It separates from society. Leprosy was only healed by divine intervention-Miriam, Naaman and those Jesus healed.
 - B.) Sin: Has spread from Adam to all men. It's incurable by man. It stays with you until death and ushers you into the lake of fire. The only remedy is divine intervention (Jesus).
- 2.) God is merciful.
 - A.) The request was for "mercy", not healing. They asked for mercy, got mercy and by getting mercy, got healed.
 - B.) **LAM. 3:22-23** His mercy is the same today. **PS. 136** should impact all Jewish people.
- 3.) We must do our part.
 - A.) They were healed as they went, without any physical evidence of being healed. Faith acts before seeing.
 - B.) Imagine the mental struggle knowing they were going to the priest for confirmation!
- 4.) Faith is always challenged.
 - A.) Jesus never said they were healed or were going to be. He said show yourself to the priest.
 - B.) Only the priest could declare a leper healed.
- 5.) Be thankful.
 - A.) **COL. 3:12-15** Above mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forbearance and forgiveness, put on love, peace and be thankful.
 - B.) **1 THES. 5:12-18** Exhortations:
 - Recognize and esteem highly your spiritual leaders.
 - Warn those who don't promote unity.
 - Comfort the discouraged.
 - Rejoice evermore.
 - Pray without ceasing, not when emergencies arise only.
 - In everything give thanks, not for everything.
 - C.) **COL. 1:12-14** For our inheritance, deliverance, redemption, and forgiveness.
- 6.) Being thankful has benefits.
 - A.) **LUKE 17:19** The others were cleansed, but he was made whole.
- 7.) Being thankful is expected.
 - A.) Where are the nine? God expects us to be thankful at all times (**PS. 92:1-2**).
 - B.) **EPH. 5:17-20** God expects us to be thankful for everything He's done for us.
 - C.) **ROM. 1:21-22** A wise man who knows God, is thankful.
 - D.) **PHIL. 4:11-12 HCSB** Being thankful in difficult times isn't easy or doesn't come naturally. It's a learned response.

CONCLUSION:

God's daily headlines give us reasons to be thankful. **PS. 103** says He forgives, heals, redeems, crowns, loves, shows mercy, doesn't deal with us according to our sins and much more-daily.