

11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off.

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

14 So when He saw *them*, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, 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.

17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where *are* the nine?"

18 Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

I. Ten Lepers Saved by Grace Through Faith

- Ten desperate lepers met Jesus (vs 12).
- They cried out to Him: "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" (vs 13). Jesus was their last hope.
- Jesus heard their cries. He noticed their affliction (vs 14).
- Jesus put the faith and obedience of the lepers to the test. They had the faith to believe Jesus could and would heal them if only they went and showed themselves to the priests. What faith!
- (Ps 103:2-3)

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases ..."

- The Lord Jesus not only conquers sin and death and hell and Hades; but He also conquers disease and illness and disabilities and other afflictions.
- Those ten lepers were healed by grace through faith. The grace of God in Christ healed them through their faith in the words of Jesus.

II. One Gives Thanks But Where Are the Nine?

- The ten lepers were cleansed and healed. But then what?

"And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan (vs. 15 & 16).

- This leper knew God cured him – that's why he praised God.
- He knew that Jesus was Lord and Master – that's why he threw himself at Jesus' feet.
- This leper realized he was cleansed by the grace of God in and through Christ.

- The man who came back: "he was a Samaritan." The nine you would expect to return and give thanks, do not; and the one you would not expect to return and give thanks, does.
- The real point is that all ten were cleansed by grace and through faith! But too often we who are cleansed neglect to give God praise and thanks.
- Jesus commends this man's faith. This man's faith is pleasing in Jesus' sight.

III. Forget Not All His Benefits (Psalms 103: 1-12, 17-18) (NKJV)

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
- 3 Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
- 4 Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
- 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness
And justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known His ways to Moses,
His acts to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD *is* merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.
- 9 He will not always strive *with us*,
Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;
- 12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.
- 17 But the mercy of the LORD *is* from everlasting to everlasting
On those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children's children,
- 18 To such as keep His covenant,
And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

Conclusion

What BENEFITS:

Forgiveness of sins, healing of diseases, deliverance from troubles,
divine love and compassion towards us, the giving of good things to us,
justice for the oppressed, God's willingness to reveal Himself to us,
divine compassion, grace, patience and love to us, forgetting our sins, restraining His just anger,
the actual removal of our transgressions,
and a guarantee that He will be all these things to us "from everlasting to everlasting".