

LESSON 17: The Life Of Christ – Ten Lepers Healed and Concerning the Kingdom

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- ▶ Apparently nine of the lepers were Jews.
- ▶ Note: On his way to the priests at Mount Gerizim the Samaritan turned back to express his thanks. This Samaritan was more spiritual than any of his Jewish companions.
- ▶ A Samaritan was among them because they were along the border of his country, and because the fellowship of affliction and disease obliterated the distinctions of race, as it does to this day.

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- ▶ The beginning of the Samaritans. 2 Kings 17.
- ▶ The Samaritans were also a continuous source of difficulty to the Jews who rebuilt Jerusalem after returning from Babylonian captivity (Ezra 4, especially verses 2-4; Nehemiah 4, especially verse 2).
- ▶ The Samaritan woman. John 4
- ▶ Traveling through Samaria. Luke 9:52-55

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Luke 17:15-19, "And Jesus answering said, Were not the ten cleansed? **but where are the nine?** Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger? And he said unto him, Arise, and go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole."

- ▶ Note: This man's faith stands out above theirs and his blessing is greater.

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Passages abound expressing thankfulness:

Colossians 3:17, "And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, (do) all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Ephesians 5:20, "giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father"

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18, "pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-ward."

Philippians 4:6, "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

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The Psalms of the Old Testament radiate praise and thanksgiving.

Psalms 8; 18; 19; 29; 30; 32-34; 36; 40; 41; 66; **96**; 103-106; 111; 113; 116; 117; 124; 129; 135; 136; 138; 139; 146-148; and 150.

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- ▶ Ingratitude is an infectious sin. Romans 1:21
- ▶ King David brought the ark to Jerusalem with a great celebration of thanksgiving. 1 Chronicles 15:26-28 (cf. 1 Chronicles 13-16)
 - ▶ Appointed Levites to give thanks. 1 Chronicles 16:4-7
- ▶ **Psalms 96** – 1 Chronicles 16:32-33
A call to give thanks to God

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Thank God in Song – Psalms 96:1 8

- ▶ **Singing expresses thanksgiving in the heart.** Ephesians 5:19-20; Colossians 3:16
- ▶ **New song.** Psalms 96:1
(New quality. Psalms 33:1-3)
 - ▶ "Not necessarily a song unheard before, but one fresh from the singer's heart."
- ▶ **Victory and deliverance from our God.** Revelation 14:3 (15:3)
- ▶ **God expects our singing to come from a thankful heart.**

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Thank God for His Character and Blessings in Worship – Psalms 96:2-9 9

- ▶ **Thankful for the Power of God.** 96:2-5
 - ▶ **Salvation.** 96:2; Psalms 71:15
 - ▶ Israel. Exodus 15:1-2
 - ▶ Spiritual victories. Psalms 3:8; 25:5
 - ▶ Deserves unending thanks. Acts 4:12; Romans 6:23
 - ▶ **Glory.** 96:3 (honor, splendor, 29:2; 72:19; 115:1)
 - ▶ Who He is and what He does.
 - ▶ Son claims the same honor. John 5:23

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- ▶ **Thankful for His Power.** (continued) 96:2-5
 - ▶ **Wonders** (marvelous works). 96:3
 - ▶ Declare them. Psalms 40:5; Psalms 136
 - ▶ **Our response** to our "great" God. Psalms 96:4-5
 - ▶ Praise (acknowledgement). James 1:17
 - ▶ Fear (reverence and trust). Psalms 34:9; 40:3

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- ▶ **Thankful for the dignity of God.** Psalms 96:6-8
 - ▶ **Honor and majesty.** 96:6
 - ▶ Contrasted with gods of men (vile, corrupt, sensual, etc.). Psalms 104:1-5; Romans 1:23
 - ▶ **Strength and beauty.** 96:6
 - ▶ Nothing too hard. Jeremiah 32:17; Psalms 27:4
 - ▶ **Our response** to God's dignity. 96:8-9
 - ▶ Worship with thanksgiving. John 4:23-24

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Thank God for His Judgments – Psalms 96:10-13 12

- ▶ **They are righteous.** 96:10-12 (equity)
 - ▶ Judges world righteously. 96:13; Romans 2:5
 - ▶ Our judgments should be like His. John 7:24; Romans 2:1
 - ▶ We are thankful! 2 Peter 1:3; Psalms 96:11-12

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Thank God for His Judgments 13

– Psalms 96:10-13

- ▶ They are according to Truth. 96:13; Romans 2:2
- ▶ True and righteous all together. Psalms 19:9
- ▶ Removes chaos; stability and fairness
- ▶ Moving the ark. Exodus 25:14; Numbers 4:15; 1 Chronicles 13:7, 9-10; 15:13
- ▶ Christ's word is "proper order." John 12:48

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Luke 17:15-19, "Arise, and go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." **In What Way?**

- ▶ Jesus had made similar statements:
 - ▶ To the woman who washed His feet with tears. (Luke 7:50)
 - ▶ To the woman He healed of an issue of blood. (Luke 8:48)
 - ▶ To a blind man. (Luke 18:42)
- ▶ Remember, Jesus "came to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

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Luke 17:20-21, "And being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God cometh, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, there! for lo, **the kingdom of God is within you.**"

- ▶ The Pharisees did not understand the true nature of the Messianic kingdom.
- ▶ "When an earthly prince visits different parts of his territories, he does it with pomp. His movements attract observation, and become the common topic of conversation." (Barnes' Notes)
- ▶ This does not mean there would be no evidence of the coming kingdom. (cf. Isaiah 2:2-3; Mark 9:1; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 12:28)