



Pastor Joe's Sermon Listening Guide



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A. Introduction

- The Date:** During Jesus' earthly ministry
The Place: Jesus was traveling between Samaria and Galilee
The Players: Jesus and the Ten Lepers
The Crisis: Leprosy was untreatable in that day
The Point: These men would have been declared "ceremonially unclean" and forced to live their lives isolated as outcasts until they died.
The Insight: This story is recorded only in the book of Luke. In this story, all ten men showed Christ *recognition*, all ten men showed Christ *reverence*, all ten men *called Him Master*, all ten *realized His power*, all ten men *obeyed* Christ, but only one man *expressed genuine gratitude* when the hopeless battle of leprosy was over.



B. Lessons from the Nine Lepers

Three Chief Reasons for Thankfulness

1. We forget the Blesser

Luke 17:11–13, NASB95 - ¹¹ While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; ¹³ and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

2. We forget the Blessing

Luke 17:14, NASB95 - ¹⁴ When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed.

3. We forget to Bless

Luke 17:15–19, NASB95 - ¹⁵ Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? ¹⁸ Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well."

Gratitude is an offering and blessing precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it.

- A. W. Tozer



C. Application

One of their number, when he saw that he was healed, turned around and praised God at the top of his voice, and then fell on his face before Jesus and thanked Him.

- Luke 17:15, PME

1. We, too, must cry out to Jesus—in the storm.

Luke 17:13, NASB95 - ¹³ and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

2. We, too, must realize what Jesus has done for us—after the storm.

Luke 17:15, NASB95 - ¹⁵ Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice....

3. Obedience always precedes God's blessing.

Luke 17:14, NASB95 - ¹⁴ When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed.

4. Gratitude is a decision and an action.

Luke 17:15–16, NASB95 - ¹⁵ Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.