

The School of Healing  
Lesson 8

**The Healing of the 10 Lepers**

**I. Text: (Luke 17:11-19 NKJV)** *<sup>11</sup>Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. <sup>13</sup>And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup>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.** <sup>15</sup>And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and **with a loud voice glorified God,** <sup>16</sup>and fell down on his face at His feet, **giving Him thanks.** And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>"Were there not any found who returned to **give glory to God except this foreigner?"** <sup>19</sup>And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. **Your faith has made you well.**"*

**II. The main idea of this passage.**

**A. In asking for mercy in verse 13, they were requesting healing.** *<sup>13</sup>And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"*

1. Healing is a mercy of God.
2. Jesus understood their request for mercy to be a request for healing.
3. One of the ways mercy is defined in the Webster's dictionary is "a blessing that is an act of Divine favor or compassion."
4. God's mercy includes Divine favor and compassion on the sick and infirm.
5. God's healing mercy is available to us everyday. **(Lam. 3:22, 23 NKJV)** *<sup>22</sup>Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. <sup>23</sup>They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.*
6. Since God's mercies and compassions fail not, and since His mercy includes healing, then we can see that God's willingness to heal us does not fail either.
7. He is as willing to heal us as He was to heal them.

**B. In telling them to go show themselves to the priests in verse 14, Jesus was answering their request in the affirmative.** *<sup>14</sup>So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests."*

1. Under the Old Testament, lepers were required, when they were healed, to show themselves to the priests so that the priests could confirm their healing, pronounce them clean, and offer the sacrifice for their purification.

2. That sacrifice typified the sacrificial offering of Christ which is sufficient not only for our purification from sin, but for our healing as well.

3. In other words, Jesus said, "Yes, I grant your request. Now go act like you've got it by showing yourselves to the priest."

4. God has already answered our request for healing in the affirmative. **(1 Pet. 2:24 NKJV)** *<sup>24</sup>who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.*

**C. The response of the 10 lepers to the Word of Jesus in verse 14b shows that they believed Him.** *14b And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.*

1. They believed His Word and acted on it.

2. After all, that's what faith is: believing God's Word and acting on it.

3. Please notice that the Word of the Lord was all they had to go on. There was no evidence in the sense realm that they were healed as they departed to go show themselves to the priests.

4. They went their way believing that they had received their healing.

5. And that is what we must do when we have prayed, believing that we have received. We must go our way believing.

a. **(Mark 11:24 NKJV)** *<sup>24</sup>"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*

b. **(Mark 11:24 AMP)** *For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will [get it].*

6. The most basic corresponding action to your faith is your confession of faith. (Heb. 10:23 KJV) *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for he is faithful that promised.*

7. Begin to say that you have your healing now. Begin to thank God for your healing now as an established fact even before you see it come to pass.

**D. The result of the 10 lepers believing the Word of the Lord and acting in faith in verse 14c was that their healing came into manifestation.** *And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.*

1. We don't know how long it was or how far they went before the manifestation came, but the point is that it came.

2. As we go our way believing we have received, the manifestation will eventually become evident to our senses. That is, we will "see" that we are healed.

3. Verse 15 states *And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God.*

4. Always remember this. Our duty is to believe we receive. God's duty is to bring the manifestation.

5. Believing belongs to us, but the manifestation belongs to God.

6. If we will believe that we receive when we pray, then the manifestation will eventually come.

7. Sometimes it comes swiftly, sometimes it takes time.

8. But our concern is to stay in faith no matter how long it takes because God is faithful to His Word, and He will bring the manifestation.

9. Our concern is to hold fast the confession of our faith. God's concern is to bring the manifestation.

10. When the gifts of healings are in operation, manifestations are instantaneous and sometimes happen to people who are not even in faith.

11. But the gifts of the Spirit operate as the Spirit wills not as we will, so we have no control over those manifestations, and there is nothing we can do to always make the manifestations instantaneous.

12. But we do have control over our believing, and we can always believe that we receive and hold fast our confession of faith until the desired manifestation comes.

13. In the meantime we must continue to act in faith as the 10 lepers did.

**E. When the answer comes into manifestation, give the glory to God.**

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

2. The manifestation is a demonstration of God's glory...a manifestation of His power.

3. We should remember to give thanks and testify to others about His miracles.

4. (Psalm 96:3 NKJV) *<sup>3</sup>Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.*

5. (Psalm 96:3 God's Word Translation) *Tell people about his glory. Tell all the nations about his miracles.*

**F. What made the lepers well?**

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

2. According to Jesus, their faith made them well.

3. If their faith could make them well, then your faith can make you well.

**G. In our text ten lepers were healed, but only one returned to give the Lord Jesus the proper thanks for his healing.**

1. If you figure it out percentage wise, only one out of ten, or 10% came back to thank Christ for what He had done.

2. Lets not be guilty of being part of that 90 % who do not give Him the thanks and glory due His name.

**H. Consider the condition of these 10 men when they came to Jesus.**

1. **They were defiled.** The leper had to cry out, "Unclean, unclean" in the presence of others in order that they might be warned of defilement.

2. **They were denounced.** No one wanted anything to do with a leper.

3. **They were denied.** The leper was not able to take part in public worship due to the fact that he was defiled and might infect others.

4. Did you know that because of our sin we too were once defiled, denounced, and denied access to God's presence.

**I. Consider their miserable cry for mercy (V.13)** *"Jesus, Master have mercy on us."*

1. It was a desperate cry.

2. No one else could help them.

3. Do you remember all the times the Lord has delivered you when you were desperate and no one else could help?

**J. Consider the compassion of Jesus (14a)**

1. He was moved with compassion by their plight and by their faith in Him.

2. Think of all the times Jesus has had compassion on you and delivered you from distress and trouble.

**K. This passage shows the extreme ingratitude that people are capable of.**

1. Consider the characteristics of the unsaved during the end times.

2. (2 Tim. 3:1-5 NKJV) *<sup>1</sup>But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: <sup>2</sup>For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup>traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!*

3. Let us not dwell among the ranks of the unthankful.

4. Let us be characterized by (Heb. 13:15 NKJV) *<sup>15</sup>Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.*

