

SPRING QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016

THEME: FORSAKING ALL I TRUST HIM...THE FAITH STORY UNIT THREE – “FULLNESS OF FAITH”

“GRATEFUL FAITH EXEMPLIFIED”



Sunday School Lesson No. X – May 8, 2016
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Lesson Text: Luke 17:11-19

Required Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Motto Text: Luke 17:15 (NLT), *“One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, ‘Praise God!’”*

Reliable Resources: What the Bible Teaches by R. A. Torrey; New Pilgrim Edition Study Bible; Easton’s Illustrated Dictionary; Word Search 10 Electronic Library; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Wilmington’s Bible Handbook; Standard Lesson Commentary; Precepts for Living (UMI Publishing); Master Outlines from “The Open Bible” Thomas Nelson; The Outline Bible by H. L. Wilmington; Analytical Bible Expositor by Butler

INTRODUCTION

The Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator shares this opening thought: “Thankfulness seems to be a lost art today. Warren Wiersbe illustrated this problem in his commentary on Colossians. He told about a ministerial student in Evanston, Illinois, who was part of a life-saving squad. In 1860, a ship went aground on the shore of Lake Michigan near Evanston, and Edward Spencer waded again and again into the frigid waters to rescue 17 passengers. In the process, his health was permanently damaged. Some years later at his funeral, it was noted that not one of the people he rescued ever thanked him.”

Beloved, there is nothing more disheartening than the sin of ungratefulness. Our lesson today highlights a group of ten men who were sick with the incurable disease called leprosy! According to Standard Lesson Commentary: “To be a leper was to be ‘unclean,’ often permanently. Those so afflicted had to warn others with cries of ‘unclean, unclean’ (Lev. 13:45) and were required to live apart (Lev. 13:46). Therefore, lepers suffered not only from the illness itself, but also from being ostracized socially. That was the condition of the 10 men of this lesson.” A few further thoughts on leprosy are conveyed from the Bible Exposition Commentary by Dr. Warren Wiersbe from Luke Chapter 5. “Like sin, leprosy is deeper than the skin (Lev. 13:3) and cannot be helped by mere ‘surface’ measures (see Jer. 6:14). Like sin, leprosy spreads, (Lev. 13:7-8); and as it spreads, it defiles (Lev. 13:44-45). Because of his defilement, a leprous person had to be isolated outside the camp (Lev. 13:46), and lost sinners one day will be isolated in hell. People with leprosy were looked on as ‘dead’ (Num. 12:12), and garments infected with leprosy were fit only for the fire (Lev. 13:52). How important it is for lost sinners to trust Jesus Christ and get rid of their ‘leprosy!’”

Anticipated Power Points: Grateful Faith Exemplified...

- **Through the Master’s Mercy. Luke 17:11-14**
- **By Memorializing the Master. Luke 17:15-18**
- **By Spreading the Master’s Message. Luke 17:19**

LESSON OUTLINE

I. Grateful Faith Exemplified through the Master's Mercy. Luke 17:11-14

Having given some background on the sufferings and pain of leprosy, we come face to face with 10 men who were living the hell on earth to which this disease propagated.

A. A cry for mercy. vv. 12-13

Having no doubt tried everything possible without success, these 10 men by providence see Jesus and cry out, unashamed for what He alone could provide them...Mercy! ***"Show compassion by word or deed."*** Beloved, wherever could these men have turned but unto Jesus. The hymn writer declared, *"There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus. No not one, No not one. None else could heal all our soul's diseases. No not one, No not one! Jesus knows all about our struggles. He will guide 'til the day is done."*

From this unnamed city, these unnamed men sought for and obtained the mercy they desired and needed. They said "Help" and He said, "Yes!!!" According to Butler's Analytical Bible Expositor, the 10 men expressed a great plea for physical restoration. It is expressed in verse 13:

- "The passion in the plea. *'They lifted up their voices'*
- The Person in the plea. *'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us'*
- The Praise in the plea. *'Master'*
- The Pity in the plea. *'Have mercy on us'.*"

B. A call for movement. v. 14

Jesus responds to the cry of mercy by commanding the lepers to step out on faith and obedience. Beloved, when we cry out to the Lord, we must be ready to step out in faithful obedience, even when things seem impossible! They were commanded to follow the Old Testament law in going to the Levitical priest to be pronounced clean and fit for re-entry into society. It is when the sinner repents and receives Jesus Christ that he or she is cleansed by faith and obedience, and made fit to enter into the fellowship of the beloved.

II. Grateful Faith Exemplified by Memorializing the Master. Luke 17:15-18

To memorialize means to commemorate, honor, celebrate, appreciate, praise, esteem, exalt, dignify, revere! Beloved, all of these synonyms express the activity of the one man who recognized: if it had not been for the mercy of Jesus. Our world is full of ungratefulness, so we should stop and honor the Lord Jesus Christ ***"in all our ways."*** Remember Psalm 34:3, ***"O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together."***

The man who returned was not an Israelite but a Samaritan who was despised by Israel, but when realizing his healing, he gave worship, thanksgiving and praise to Jesus Christ. It moved Jesus to public acknowledge this act by a foreigner. ***"Where are the nine?"*** Jesus would ask today at Prayer service, Praise service, on the Mission fields, teaching and training, Worship service... ***"Where are the nine?"***

III. Grateful Faith Exemplified by Spreading the Master's Message. Luke 17:19

When one seeks to recognize the good hand of the Lord, they will fall down and receive more than just the physical things, but they receive even the greatest things. Verse 9 shows that the physical healing of leprosy was great, but Jesus grants this man more, ***"...thy faith hath made thee whole,"*** or simply, your faith in Me has saved you! **Faith** is the key word. The man's faith brought salvation and complete wholeness from the inside out! Many of Israel's citizens received the fishes, loaves, healings and blessings, but rejected the Christ! Hebrews 11:6 says, ***"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."*** When we receive Jesus Christ by faith, then we are fit to be His disciple and exemplify Him in all our ways.

CLOSING

Is your faith in Jesus Christ? It is our reasonable service!



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Luke 18:9-14

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